





HISTORY
OF THE TOWN OF
ROCHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE,
FROM 1722 TO 1890.

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“Threshing Time’s neglected sheaves,
Gathering up the scattered leaves
Which the wrinkled Sibyl cast
Careless from her as she passed.”

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DR. JOSEPH HAVEN SMITH.

Elias Smith was born in Epping, but removed in early life to Moultonborough, where the poverty and sacrifices incident to the settlement of a new country served to develop patience, perseverance, and energy of character. In a time of great scarcity of provision he went on foot to Exeter, where he procured *half a bushel of Indian corn* and bore it home on his shoulder, a distance of nearly seventy miles through a dense and almost pathless wilderness.

His son, *John Smith*, was born in Moultonborough and brought up to a mechanical calling. He married Betsey Roberts of the same place and removed to Rochester about 1796, where he reared six sons and three daughters. He was through life an industrious, hard-working mechanic, of strong mental powers, ready for every emergency. Proverbially an honest man, he was endowed with a keen, intuitive sagacity, and manifested great independence of mind in the choice and maintenance of both religious and political principles. He had the confidence of the whole community, and those who knew him the most intimately, yielded him the largest homage and respect. Of an inquiring spirit, and gifted with happy conversational powers, his society was much sought, and he was always listened to with interest and profit. His opinions, formed only after due investigation, became incorporated into his very life. His wife was remarkable for her domestic and stern republican virtues. Caring always for her household with true maternal tenderness, she cherished to the last a most sacred regard for the memory of the patriots of the Revolution. Remotely of blood kin to the immortal Warren, she partook largely of those strong and sterling qualities which characterized the women as well as the men of the Revolutionary era.

JOSEPH HAVEN SMITH, the youngest of the six sons of these parents, was born in Rochester Nov. 17, 1805. His early life was characterized by a thirst for knowledge, which increased with his advancing years. Many discouragements were in his path, and greatly to his regret he was compelled to relinquish the hope of a collegiate education. His parents did all in their power for his help and encouragement. His eldest sister, Arabella Smith, who early began teaching, and was for many years principal of the

"Ontario Female Seminary," at Canandaigua, N. Y., rendered him much assistance. The village school at Rochester was at that time far in advance of any public school in this part of the State, employing liberally educated teachers, and fitting those who wished to enter college. Making the very best improvement of all the means afforded by the "poor boys' college," he began teaching a district school at the age of eighteen. A year later he commenced the study of medicine under the tuition of James Farrington, M. D., of his own village, and graduated at the Medical College in Brunswick, Me., in 1829. He also followed his vocation of schoolmaster during the whole five years of his medical studies.

After his graduation he practiced for three years in his native town, and in 1832 removed to Dover. A Democrat, who inherited his political ideas from a Democratic father, he early took an active interest in the politics of the town and State. He was a speaker of convincing power, and his abilities were not slow to receive recognition. In 1837 he was elected a member of the Legislature, and in 1848 and 1855 his name appeared on the list of State senators. In 1848 he was chosen a presidential elector, and cast one vote for Lewis Cass. He was appointed by President Pierce inspector of drugs in the custom house at Boston. He was a member of the gubernatorial councils of 1851 and 1852. In 1848 he delivered the annual address at the commencement exercises at Dartmouth, and for many years was president of the Dover bank. He was for several years a member of the school board, and it was through his unceasing efforts that the district system was broken up and the high school erected. He was a member of the district and state medical societies, and during his active political career never relinquished his enthusiastic love of his profession. He was largely instrumental in the erection of the Pierce Memorial Church, of which he was a member.

In 1867 Dr. Smith removed to Lowell, Mass., and for a time devoted his whole attention to the practice of his profession. The exigencies of the Grant and Greeley campaign, 1872, however, aroused the old political fire, and he entered vigorously into the contest. Recognizing the fact that the local Democracy was without an organ, he started the "Middlesex Democrat," of which he was proprietor and editor. Eleven months later he merged the organ into the "Morning Times," which he soon afterwards



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John P. Hale

sold out to the Hunt Brothers. In 1876, during the Hayes and Tilden campaign, he resumed the responsibilities of editor and manager of the "Times," his assistants being D. W. O'Brien and Frank Wood. In 1880 he sold out to Messrs. Campbell & Hanscom, the present proprietors. He was a member of the school board at Lowell for one term, and was connected with Monomake Encampment, I. O. O. F. He was a man of unimpeachable character and inherent attractions, whose word was a guaranty of good faith, and whose friendship was a privilege worthy the highest appreciation. His disposition was of the kindest nature. He was scrupulous in his adherence to truth, and never countenanced or gave currency to any statement, however favorable it might be to the party he advocated, unless he was first satisfied of its truth.

Dr. Smith married, first, Meribah Hanson, and, second, Mrs. Wiggin of Dover. He died, in a good old age, at Lowell, Mass., Feb. 25, 1886, leaving a widow and three children:—Dr. H. J. Smith of Lowell, Mass., and Mrs. Edwin Hills and Miss Lizzie Smith of Washington, D. C.

HON. JOHN P. HALE.

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JOHN PARKER HALE was born in Rochester, N. H., March 31, 1806. His father, John P. Hale, was a lawyer of much ability and influence, and of great personal popularity, who died in 1819, at the age of forty-two years, leaving a large family in limited circumstances, the subject of this sketch being then but thirteen years old. As a boy he was popular among his fellows—active, fond of sport, quick to learn, courageous, kind, and free from vindictiveness—qualities which adhered to him through life, making him very popular in the community in which he lived, and in the counties where he practiced at the bar, and commanding the good will and respect of the men whom his convictions led him to oppose. From the public schools of his native village he went to Phillips Academy at Exeter, and graduated at Bowdoin College in 1827.

Mr. Hale, on leaving college, entered upon the study of the law

in the office of J. H. Woodman, Esq., in Rochester, and completed his studies with Daniel M. Christie, Esq., of Dover, where he had the advantage of the instruction of one of the ablest lawyers ever at the bar in the State. He began to practice in Dover in 1830, and for about forty years was the nearest neighbor of his old instructor, who was always one of his warmest friends, although the two were generally pitted against each other in all the leading cases in court, and differed much of the time politically. They finally came together, however, the one from the standpoint of an anti-slavery Whig, and the other from that of a Democrat with anti-slavery tendencies.

Mr. Hale at once took high rank at the bar, and was noted for his tact and skill in handling witnesses, and his great power with a jury. Of all the advocates who practiced at the bar of the old county of Strafford, Ichabod Bartlett of Portsmouth is the only one remembered who equaled him in skill with witnesses, or possessed that wit and humor, burning indignation, and touching pathos which were often brought out in his appeals to the jury. His practice rapidly extended outside his own county into Belknap, Carroll, and Rockingham. In 1834 Mr. Hale was appointed United States District Attorney by General Jackson, and was re-appointed by President Van Buren.

In all his ideas Mr. Hale was democratic, and jealous of every encroachment upon popular rights. As a lawyer he contended for the right of the jury to be judges of the law, as well as of the facts, and protested against their being instructed by the judges how they must construe and apply the law, leaving them only to find a verdict on the facts. He won reputation as a lawyer outside the bar of New Hampshire, in the Supreme Court at Washington, and in the celebrated Fugitive Slave rescue cases in Boston. When Shadrach was rescued in 1851 from the court house in Boston by Lewis Hayden and others, and sent to Canada, great excitement arose over the country, and especially in Washington, where the President issued a proclamation commanding "all officers, civil and military, and all well-disposed citizens in the vicinity of the outrage to assist in capturing the rescuers and quelling all similar combinations." The Senate took up the matter on a resolution of Mr. Clay's calling on the President for information, and a special message was received in answer, with the facts and

assurance that the law should be executed. The debate that followed was fierce and exciting, many senators participating. Mr. Hale said he thought "the President felt pretty sure he had made the administration ridiculous by his proclamation, and had sent a labored essay to vindicate what could not be vindicated." Hayden and Scott, the leaders in the rescue, were indicted and tried, but the jury failed to agree, notwithstanding the character of the testimony and the strong charge of the judge. Mr. Hale, who was leading counsel for the defense, made one of the most noted efforts of the times, addressed to the jury and the country. When the case of Anthony Burns came up in Boston, three years later, there was a still greater excitement. Theodore Parker, accidentally hearing of the arrest, with difficulty got access to the man, and with the aid of counsel procured a continuance that Burns might make defense. An immense meeting was held in Faneuil Hall to consider what the crisis required. A party who were too impatient to wait for the slower plans of the Anti-man-hunting League, battered down with a stick of timber the outer doors where Burns was confined. The garrison inside made a stand in the breach, and one of the marshal's assistants, James Batchelder, was killed. The noise drew the police to the scene, and a military company marching into the court-area as they were returning from target practice, being accidentally mistaken for a company of marines coming to strengthen the garrison, the attacking party did not feel strong enough to follow up their first success, and the rescue failed. The President ordered the Adjutant-General of the army to Boston, and the troops in New York were kept under orders to march upon call, in addition to other preparations to prevent a rescue.

Indictments were found against Theodore Parker, Wendell Phillips, Martin Stowell, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, and others—some for murder, and others for assault and riot—mainly for the speeches they made at Faneuil Hall meeting. Mr. Hale was again secured as leading counsel for the defense, assisted by Charles M. Ellis, William L. Burt, John A. Andrew, and Henry F. Durant. The indictments broke down, and the parties were never brought to trial. Theodore Parker afterwards published the "Defense" he had prepared, and dedicated it to his lawyer, John P. Hale.

From the time of his graduation Mr. Hale took great interest in political matters, and in 1832, two years after commencing the practice of law in Dover, was elected to the Legislature, at the age of twenty-six. Having identified himself with the Democratic party, he became one of its most able and eloquent supporters, and in 1843 was elected a representative to Congress on a general ticket with Edmund Burke, Moses Norris, Jr., James H. Johnson, and John R. Reding. On the assembling of Congress in December, an exciting debate arose on the report made by John Quincy Adams, chairman of the committee on rules, which left out the famous twenty-first rule, known as the Gag rule, that had been adopted in 1838 by a resolution introduced by Mr. Atherton of New Hampshire, which required that "every petition, memorial, resolution, proposition, or paper, touching, or relating in any way, or to any extent whatever, to slavery or the abolition thereof, shall, on presentation, without any further action thereon, be laid on the table, without being debated, printed, or referred." During the debate Mr. Hale, with Hamlin of Maine, and a few other Democrats, avowed their opposition to the longer suppression of the right of petition. The report was laid on the table, and the rule continued by a small majority. It had originally been adopted by a vote of about two to one. This was the beginning of Mr. Hale's anti-slavery action in Congress, which was destined to bring him so conspicuously before the country.

In the presidential campaign of 1844, Mr. Hale took an active part. He distinguished himself as a political speaker, and contributed much to the success of his party. The question of the annexation of Texas had exercised a controlling interest in the South, from the necessity of obtaining more slave territory, if they would maintain their power, in view of the growing anti-slavery sentiment in the North, which was beginning to affect the action of Democrats. Mr. Clay had lost the State of New York, and with it the election, in consequence of his hesitating position of opposition to the measure, which sent enough Whig anti-slavery votes to Birney to have elected him. Mr. Hale was known to be opposed to annexation, as were many other New Hampshire Democrats; but no opposition was made to his re-nomination to Congress, as fealty to that measure had not yet become a shibboleth of the party, as it did soon after. On the assembling of Congress

in December, 1844, the advocates of annexation at once entered upon the work for its consummation. President Tyler in his message called for immediate action, and during that month several schemes for annexation were submitted. In part to show the pro-slavery character of the movement, and to fix a western limit beyond which slavery should not go, Mr. Hale, on the 10th of January, moved a suspension of the rules to enable him to introduce a proposition to divide Texas into two parts by a line beginning at a point on the Gulf of Mexico, midway between the northern and southern boundaries, and running in a northwesterly direction. In the territory south and west of that line, it was provided that there should be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude; and that the provision was to remain forever an inviolable contract. The motion had a majority of eleven, but failed to receive the requisite two thirds. The necessities of the South now made it necessary to suppress all opposition to the scheme of annexation. The election had put the control of the government in the hands of its friends, and all its patronage was to be wielded to secure that result. The Legislature of New Hampshire was in session, as was then the custom every winter of the presidential year, to provide electors in case of failure to elect by the people, and resolutions were at once introduced and pushed through, favoring annexation, and instructing the delegation in Congress from the State to sustain it. "Obey or resign" had long been a Democratic doctrine in the State; and while most of the members might not have so understood it, the leaders were aiming at Mr. Hale, who had favored that doctrine. He met these resolutions with defiance. He stood by the record he had made against any further strengthening of the slave power, while mortified to see so many of his associates going down before it, among them the editor of the Democratic paper in his own town, who had expressed the desire that an impassable gulf might forever exist to prevent annexation, while another leading Democratic editor declared the whole scheme "black as ink, and bitter as hell." It was a great step to take, and a less daring spirit would not have ventured it. Poor in property, with a family to support—the most popular man in his party—with power to command and ability to adorn any position his ambition might seek, on the one side—with alienation of social and political friends, ostracism in business and politics

by a party which for sixteen years had held unbroken sway and remorselessly cut down every man who dared to oppose its declared will, on the other — were the alternatives. Few men have shown such greatness of soul and loyalty to convictions under such temptations. While most men would have yielded, Mr. Hale did not falter, but at once wrote his celebrated letter to the people of New Hampshire against the action of the Legislature in its resolutions, in which, after setting forth the aims and purposes of annexation, and the reasons given by the advocates and supporters of the measure, he declared them to be “eminently calculated to provoke the scorn of earth and the judgment of heaven.” He said he would never consent by any agency of his to place the country in the attitude of annexing a foreign nation for the avowed purpose of sustaining and perpetuating human slavery; and if they were favorable to such a measure, they must choose another representative to carry out their wishes.

The Democratic State Committee immediately issued a call for the re-assembling of the Democratic Convention at Concord on the 12th of February, 1845, and every Democratic paper which could be prevailed upon to do so, opened its battery of denunciation, calling upon the convention to rebuke and silence Mr. Hale. To show what efforts were made to crush him, it need only be said that such leaders of the party as Franklin Pierce, who had been his warm friend ever since they were fellow students in college, went forth over the State to organize the opposition. At Dover he called in the leaders of the party, and the editor of the “Dover Gazette,” who had taken such strong grounds against annexation, and under their influence the “Gazette” changed sides and went over to Mr. Hale’s enemies. He then went to Portsmouth and brought over the leaders there, with the exception of John L. Hayes, then clerk of the United States Court. The same result followed at Exeter, with the exception of Hon. Amos Tuck. In this way the convention was prepared to throw overboard Mr. Hale and put another name on the ticket in place of his. Expecting no other fate when he wrote his letter, Mr. Hale remained at his post in Congress and only assisted his friends from that point, making arrangements at the same time to enter upon the practice of law in New York city upon the close of his term. But resolute friends, who believed with him, rose up in all

parts of the State to defeat the election of John Woodbury, who had been nominated in place of Mr. Hale. Prominent among these, in addition to those named above, were Nathaniel D. Wetmore of Rochester, John Dow of Epping, George G. Fogg, then of Gilmanton, James M. Gates of Claremont, James Peverly of Concord, John Brown of Ossipee, George W. Stevens of Meredith, John A. Rollins of Moultonborough, James W. James of Deerfield, N. P. Cram of Hampton Falls, and Samuel B. Parsons of Colebrook, with others of like stamp, who organized the first successful revolt against the demands of the slave power, which, until then, had been invincible. Through their efforts, Woodbury, the nominee of the convention, failed to secure the majority over all others needed to elect him, and another election was called to fill the vacancy. Great excitement pervaded the State during the canvass, into which Mr. Hale entered with spirit, giving full play to all those characteristics which made him the foremost orator of the State before the people, as he had been before juries.

The canvass opened in Concord in June, on the week for the assembling of the Legislature, in the old North Church. To break the force and effect of Mr. Hale's speech there, the Democratic leaders determined that it should be answered upon the spot, and selected Franklin Pierce for the work. On his way up to the church, Mr. Hale saw no people in the streets, and he began to fear there might be a failure in the expected numbers in attendance, as there had been once before in the same place in 1840, when he and other leaders of the party were to address a mass meeting, but when he reached the old church he saw why the streets were vacant; the people had all gone early to be sure of getting in, and the house was full to overflowing. Aware that he was addressing not only the citizens of Concord and adjoining towns, and members of the Legislature, but the religious, benevolent, and other organizations which always met in Concord on election week, he spoke with more than his usual calmness and dignity. He created a profound impression, and made all feel, whether agreeing with him or not, that he had acted from a high sense of public duty and conviction.

Mr. Pierce, who had few equals as a speaker, saw the marked effect of Mr. Hale's address, and spoke under great excitement. He was bitter and sarcastic in tone and matter, and domineering

and arrogant in his manner, if not personally insulting. The convention was wrought up to the highest pitch of excitement when Mr. Hale rose to reply. He spoke briefly, but effectively, and closed by saying:—

“I expected to be called ambitious, to have my name cast out as evil, to be traduced and misrepresented. I have not been disappointed. But if things have come to this condition, that conscience and a sacred regard for truth and duty are to be publicly held up to ridicule, and scouted without rebuke, as has just been done here, it matters little whether we are annexed to Texas, or Texas is annexed to us. I may be permitted to say that the measure of my ambition will be full, if when my earthly career shall be finished, and my bones be laid beneath the soil of New Hampshire, when my wife and children shall repair to my grave to drop the tear of affection to my memory, they may read on my tombstone, ‘He who lies beneath surrendered office, place, and power, rather than bow down and worship slavery.’”

The scene which followed can be imagined, but not described, as round after round of applause greeted this close. At the end of the canvass in September, with three candidates in the field, there was again no election. A second effort in November ended with a like result. No other attempt was made until the annual March election of 1846, when full tickets were placed in the field by the Democrats, Whigs, Free-Soilers, and Independent Democrats. The issue of no more slave territory was distinctly made, and a canvass such as the State had never known before, in which Mr. Hale took the leading part, resulted in a triumphant vindication of his course, and the complete overthrow of the Democratic party, which was beaten at all points. Mr. Hale was elected to the House from Dover, on the Independent ticket, and on the opening of the session was made Speaker of the House of Representatives, and during the session was elected United States senator for the full term of six years. It was on this occasion that John G. Whittier wrote that very gem of political squibs, beginning, “’T is over, Moses!—all is lost!” During this session of the Legislature an incident took place which exhibited the independent spirit of the man. Dr. Low, a member from Dover, introduced resolutions upon the tariff, slavery, and annexation, taking the ultra-Whig view of the tariff question, and intended to

bring Mr. Hale and his friends to their support as the condition upon which he could have the vote of a considerable portion of the Whig party. But instead of yielding his convictions for the consideration of their support, he and his friends declared they would submit to no shackles; they had fought successfully against the tyranny of one political organization, and no allurements of a senatorship should stifle their convictions and bind their judgment to the dictations of another. Much excitement followed, but the counsels of the liberal Whigs prevailed. The resolutions were not called up until after the senatorial election, when Mr. Hale left the speaker's chair, and offered amendments, which were adopted after a strong speech by him in their favor. He was supported by his old friend and instructor, Daniel M. Christie of Dover, also a member of the House, who had done much to quiet the opposition and induce it to vote for Mr. Hale.

The hearts of the friends of liberty all over the country were filled with joy at the auspicious result of this first victory over the slave power after repeated, prolonged, and excited struggles both before the people and at the polls. Mr. Hale entered the Senate in 1847, and for two years stood alone, with unfaltering courage, battling the aggressive measures of the slave power with surpassing eloquence, keen wit, unfailing good humor, and boundless resources for any and every emergency. He drew the attention of the country, during this session, by the telling blows he struck for the great cause of human freedom, to which he dedicated all the noblest powers of his mature manhood. He stood fearless against every threat and all combinations. It was of his debates during his first senatorial term, after his return from Spain, broken in health, that Charles Sumner said to the writer:—"Poor Hale! It is sad to see his manly form crippled and shrunken. He stood up bravely and alone before the rest of us got there to aid him, and said things on the spur of the moment, that will last and be remembered when the labored efforts of the rest of us are forgotten." Chase of Ohio, a sturdy son of New Hampshire, came to the Senate in 1849 to stand beside him, and two years later, in 1851, Sumner of Massachusetts. They constituted a trio of great ability, but were treated as interlopers and refused positions on the committees of the Senate for the reason, as alleged by

Bright of Indiana, that "they belonged to no healthy organization known to the country."

One of the first debates in which Mr. Hale distinguished himself, after entering the Senate, was on the admission of Oregon, when he proposed to add the ordinance of 1787, excluding slavery, which drew on a fierce debate. When accused of provoking a "useless and pestiferous discussion," he told them with his accustomed good nature, that he was "willing to stand where the word of God and his conscience placed him, and there bid defiance to consequences."

Early in April, 1848, the year of popular upheavings and revolutions in Europe, President Polk sent a message to Congress announcing, in glowing terms, the uprising of the French people—the peaceful overthrow of the monarchy, and the establishment of a republic. Resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives, tendering their warmest sympathy with the struggling patriots, and expressing the hope "that down-trodden humanity may succeed in breaking down all forms of tyranny and oppression." Similar resolutions were introduced in the Senate. Speaking on the question in a sad strain Mr. Hale said:—

"I have sometimes thought, in dwelling upon the history of this republic, that I have seen indications, fearful and fatal, that we were departing from the faith of our fathers; that instead of living true to the first principles of human liberty which we have proclaimed, we were cutting loose from them; that the illustration we were about to give of the capability of man for self-government was to be the same as that of all other nations that have gone before us; and that after our failure the hope of freedom would indeed be extinguished forever. But in the dawning of this revolution in France I behold the sun of hope again arise, his beams of golden light streaming along the eastern horizon. I am now inspired by the hope that even if we fail here, if liberty should be driven from this, her chosen asylum, the divine principle would still live and would find a sanctuary among the people of another land; and when our history shall have been written, and our tale told, with its sad moral of our faithlessness to liberty,—boasting of our love of freedom, while we listened unmoved to the clanking of chains and the wail of the bondmen,—even then, in a con-

continent of the old world, light would be seen breaking out of darkness, life out of death, and hope out of despair."

There was a municipal celebration of this event in Washington, with torchlight procession and other out-door demonstrations, the houses of the President and heads of the departments being illuminated. During these demonstrations the schooner Pearl came to Washington loaded with wood, and when she left took away seventy-seven slaves. Such an exodus caused great commotion, and an armed steamer was sent in hot pursuit, which overtook the schooner at the mouth of the Potomac and brought her back with her ill-fated company. The greatest excitement prevailed, and out of it came a mob, which, after partially exhausting its fury, started for the office of the "National Era" to destroy it, but were frustrated in their purpose. In Congress the excitement was as fierce and intense as outside. In the House the debate was especially bitter. In the Senate Mr. Hale offered a resolution, copied from the laws of Maryland, providing that any property destroyed by riotous assemblages should "be paid for by any town or county in the district where it occurs." Mr. Calhoun was "amazed that even the senator from New Hampshire should have so little regard for the constitution of the country as to introduce such a bill as this without including in it the severest penalties against the atrocious act which had occasioned this excitement," and said he "would just as soon argue with a maniac from Bedlam, as with the senator from New Hampshire on the subject." Foote of Mississippi denounced the bill "as obviously intended to cover and protect negro stealing." Turning to Mr. Hale he said:—"I invite him to visit Mississippi, and will tell him beforehand, in all honesty, that he could not go ten miles into the interior before he would grace one of the tallest trees of the forest with a rope around his neck, with the approbation of every honest and patriotic citizen; and that, if necessary, I should myself assist in the operation." Jefferson Davis, and Butler of South Carolina, joined in the attack upon him in the same strain, while he stood alone. Mr. Hale explained his purpose in introducing the resolution, and in replying to the assaults said:—"The notes of congratulation sent across the Atlantic to the people of France on their deliverance from thralldom have hardly ceased when the supremacy of law and the freedom of

the press are threatened in the capital of the nation." Referring to Foote's threatened reception in Mississippi, he invited the senator to visit "the dark corners of New Hampshire, where the people in that benighted region will be very happy to listen to his arguments and engage in the intellectual conflict with him in which the truth would be elicited." Turning to Calhoun, he said:—"It has long been held by you that your peculiar institution is incompatible with the right of speech; but if it is also incompatible with the safeguards of the constitution being thrown around the property of the American citizen, let the country know it. If that is to be the principle of your action, let it be proclaimed throughout the length and breadth of the land, that there is an institution so omnipotent, so almighty, that even the sacred rights of life and property must bow down before it. There could not be a better occasion than this to appeal to the country. Let the tocsin sound; let the word go forth." He further told Calhoun that it was "a novel mode of terminating a controversy by charitably throwing the mantle of a maniac irresponsibility upon one's antagonist." Adjournment closed the discussion, and the Senate refused to take it up afterwards.

In December, 1850, Mr. Foote of Mississippi introduced a resolution declaring it to be the duty of Congress to provide territorial government for California, Deseret, and New Mexico. Mr. Hale offered an amendment, that the ordinance of 1787 should be applied. It was during the debate which followed that Mr. Webster made his 7th of March speech. During the discussion Mr. Hale occupied two days in an argument vindicating the measures and acts of the anti-slavery men. Replying to Mr. Webster, he said:—"Yet the senator declares he would not re-enact the laws of God. Well, sir, I would. When he tells me that the law of God is against slavery, it is a most potent argument why we should incorporate it in a territorial bill."

In closing he said:—"And firmly believing in the providence of God, we trust the day will dawn in this country when the word 'slavery' shall be a word without a meaning, when any section of the Union will join hands with another in spreading abroad the principles of humanity, philosophy, and Christianity, which shall elevate every son and daughter of the human race to that liberty for which they were created, and for which they were

destined by God. These opinions, sir, we entertain, and these hopes we cherish; and we do not fear to avow them, here, now, always, and forever."

Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Hale presented petitions for the repeal of the fugitive slave act, one of which was referred to the judiciary committee. A debate sprang up on a motion for reconsideration, which gave rise to a spirited controversy. Butler of South Carolina declared he "was tired of casting impediments in the stream of anti-slavery agitation; they might as well attempt to put a maniac asleep by lullabies." Mr. Hale, in reply, said "agitation was the great element of life. It gave birth to the revolution and the constitution, and none but those who hug fatal errors have anything to fear from that life-giving element, which will impart its healing as did the waters at the beautiful gate of the temple, when the angel had gone down and stirred them. As for myself, I glory in the name of agitator."

The period of greatest interest in Mr. Hale's senatorial career centers around his first term, when he stood alone, or almost alone, in the thick of the conflict, undaunted, and dealing blows to the oppressor on every side. There were no weak places in his armor, and neither threats, attacks, nor allurements could shake his constancy. When this term expired, the Democratic party had obtained control in New Hampshire; but two years later, in 1855, they lost it, and Mr. Hale was again elected for four years, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Charles G. Atherton. He was again re-elected for a full term in 1858. He was conspicuous in this term for his integrity and fearless independence in exposing the mal-administration and extravagance of the navy department, while acting as chairman of the naval committee of the Senate.

Mr. Hale was nominated as the Free-Soil candidate for the presidency in 1847, but declined after the nomination of Mr. Van Buren at the Buffalo convention in 1848. He was again nominated for president by the Free-Soil convention in 1852, with George W. Julian for vice-president, and received at the November election 155,850 votes.

At the close of his senatorial career in 1865 Mr. Hale was appointed Minister to Spain by President Lincoln, and was absent five years, much of the time in ill health. He came home with

a broken constitution. His health, which had always been perfect up to the time of the well-remembered National Hotel sickness, was never so good afterwards.

He lived to see the full triumph of his efforts to rid the land of slavery, and the freedmen, with the ballot, placed as citizens under the protection of the constitution, and died November 19, 1873, bearing with him the blessings of millions who had been raised from the sorrow and degradation of human servitude, and of millions more who had admired his unselfish fidelity to the cause he had espoused, and his unwavering integrity.

DOMINICUS HANSON.

DOMINICUS HANSON, son of Joseph and Charity (Dame) Hanson, was born Aug. 23, 1813, in the same house in Rochester where he now (1888) resides.

His father was born in Dover Dec. 18, 1764, and died at Rochester Dec. 19, 1832. He married Charity Dame March 4, 1798. She was born in Rochester Sept. 1, 1775, and died Feb. 3, 1833. They had ten children. 1. *Humphrey*, deceased, a druggist. 2. *Mary D.*, deceased, wife of Dr. James Farrington, deceased, of Rochester, a distinguished physician and member of Congress from New Hampshire (p. 345). 3. *Hannah*, died in infancy. 4. *Joseph S.*, died at twenty-five; was a druggist. 5. *Mcribah*, deceased, wife of Dr. Joseph H. Smith, late of Lowell, Mass. (p. 300). 6. *Joanna*, deceased, wife of John McDuffee of Rochester (p. 380). 7. An infant, not named. 8. *Hester Ann*, deceased, wife of Daniel M. Mooney. 9. DOMINICUS, the subject of this sketch. 10. *Asa P.*, a corn and flour dealer in Newton City, Iowa.

Joseph Hanson came to Rochester from Dover when a young man, and immediately engaged in the general grocery and mercantile business, which he successfully followed till within a few years of his death. He was a man of excellent judgment, good common sense, shrewd, cautious, industrious, and economical. He built the first brick store ever erected in Strafford county, probably about 1810 or 1812. The roof, doors, and window-shutters were of tin. At a very early day he made a brick vault for the safe deposit of his papers, etc. He inaugurated many useful schemes which have had a tendency for good, and his name is



Dominicus Hanson



held in grateful remembrance by those who knew him. He was justly considered one of the best business men of his day, and the ample fortune left to his family fully attests this estimate of him. He was a Whig in politics, but was averse to holding any office, preferring to attend to his own private matters, hence his great success for one of those days.

Mrs. Hanson was a member of the Methodist Church, and he was an attendant and supporter of the various churches, though not a member of any, rather leaning towards Universalism.

DOMINICUS HANSON received the advantages of a common-school education until he was some fifteen years of age, and this was supplemented by an academic education at Rochester Academy, Parsonsfield Seminary, Me., and Hopkinton and Pembroke, N. H. In 1830 he commenced the drug business as an apprentice to his brother-in-law, Dr. Smith, and served him two years, when in 1832 he bought Dr. Smith's interest, and continued in the business till the fire of December, 1880, except some two or three years when away at school. Immediately after the fire he built on the same spot a fine store now occupied by Burnham.

As an evidence of the confidence reposed in Mr. Hanson as an honest and trustworthy gentleman, we may mention that at the earnest solicitation of the business men of his native town, he issued scrip of the respective denominations — 10 cts., 25 cts., and 50 cts., — to the amount of \$8,000, which reads as follows: —

“STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Rochester, Sept. 27, 1862.

“For value received, I promise to pay ——— on demand, in current Bank Bills, in sums of one dollar and upwards, at my place of business.

“DOMINICUS HANSON.”

This scrip was issued when there was a scarcity of circulating money during the great civil war, and before the general government had issued any money. Circulating throughout New England, it was never refused, and was promptly redeemed when the general government made its issue. “Honest Dominicus,” as he has been known by his friends for long years! Who ever saw the goodly village of Norway Plains but recalls his prim, pressed-brick two-story apothecary store, with its circular front, once the most stylish store in the whole State of New Hampshire? its long-remembered and excellent brick sidewalk in front, dating back

to time immemorial, before this prospective city knew the luxury of sidewalks? its broad stone steps, always a delight to the innumerable patrons of this popular resort, who climbed them with the assurance of safe foothold and excellent reception beyond?

If Noah could by any means be compelled to refit and re-arrange the ark, and take in all that he considered necessary to stock a new world, he couldn't collect the six or eight million invaluable articles which were here gathered together from the four corners of the earth (or "coming the next day") unless he had the nearly miraculous experience of our subject, and to acquire such an experience would cost a frightful expenditure of both time and money.

Mr. Hanson is now (1888) seventy-five years of age, a little less than six feet in height, stands erect, possesses rather a commanding figure, moves quickly like an active young man of twenty-five. His hair, always inclined to brown, is silvered with age. He is of a markedly nervous organization, his thin-cut face bearing its certain evidence. Nothing about his face or general appearance is strongly marked above many other men you may meet in the course of a day's ride in any portion of Yankee land; by that sign you can judge the man.

If ever wit and drollery overflowed in one person, here it is. I know of no two faces in the country that so nearly resemble each other as that of "Honest Dominicus" and the happy countenance of America's humorist, "Mark Twain." The general impression left by the two faces is the same,—the same mysterious gleam, sure token of the mental flash, occurs in each, and the wit and humor of each are fully recognized among his friends. The parallel holds good still further: in neither case can the purpose or intent be solved. A matter of the lightest import may be treated with ponderous gravity befitting a funeral oration, and while either of the two is discoursing with lengthened face upon the topic, the bystanders are convulsed with laughter. On the contrary, many things which bewilder the brains of common people are heartily laughed at by them. Like all puzzling human enigmas both these worthies have become idealized in the affectionate regard of many friends. But Mr. Hanson is a study. In him lie the gentle graces, geniality, cute Yankee sense, and the subtle and evanescent essence of fun. In him dwells a constant gleam of drollery, always welcome as sunshine in winter, or flowers in May. The mirth

which overflows in his happy moments is all the more welcome because of the uncertainty of its aim. It may be gentle invective of society's shams; perhaps a tinge of sarcasm wittily said lightens his efforts.

In politics he has been a life-long Democrat of the old school. He was an earnest supporter of General Jackson for the presidency for the second term, though not old enough to vote. He cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren, and has voted at every election since. Without his knowledge he was appointed postmaster of his native village by President Jackson, ere his majority, and he continued to hold the same position under Van Buren's and Harrison's administrations. He has been director of the Norway Plains Savings Bank for many years.

He married Betsey S., daughter of Simon Chase, a prominent merchant in Rochester, Sept. 19, 1839. She was born in Milton, August 4, 1814. Of this union two sons have been born,—Charles A. C., born in Rochester, August 18, 1844, and George W., born July 6, 1854, and died January 6, 1856.

JAMES HERVEY EDGERLY.

BY HON. C. W. FOLSOM.

The character and prosperity of every community depend largely upon a few leading minds that to a great extent form and mold public opinion. Rochester has been specially fortunate in developing men illustrious for their energy, industry, and integrity. Prominent among these stands JAMES HERVEY EDGERLY, who for half a century has been thoroughly identified with every step of progress pertaining to the best interests of the town of his adoption. His good sense and wise counsels have had much to do in shaping the destinies of Rochester, in whose activities and advancement he has always borne an honorable and conspicuous part.

JAMES H. EDGERLY was born in Farmington, Jan. 28, 1814, of the seventh generation from *Thomas Edgerly*, an Englishman, who settled in Durham in 1665. On his maternal side his ancestry in the Roberts line contained a mixture of Scotch-Irish blood. At the age of ten years he removed with his parents to Great Falls, where they remained nine years, and then returned to Farmington.

Having acquired a good common school education he satisfied his higher aspirations by attending the academies at Wolfeborough and Rochester, and the Institute at New Hampton, supplementing a thoroughly practical education by teaching school winters. His father intended him for the law, but his tastes were for mechanics, and he was apprenticed to his uncle, the late Hon. Josiah B. Edgerly, a carriage manufacturer at Farmington. In January, 1835, he went to Great Falls, where he worked at his trade for one year. The next year he was a journeyman in Boston at good wages. Then came the financial crash of 1837, when business was at a stand-still, and workmen all over the country were thrown out of employment. The young man from the granite hills with indomitable will and laudable ambition took up his march to the westward, and found employment in St. Louis, Mo. After about a year he again migrated to Burlington, Iowa. After a few months' labor he was attacked with fever and ague, and, as the only chance of recovery, was finally obliged to return home in the fall of 1838. In September, 1839, he came to Rochester, where he opened a carriage shop, and began also the business of an undertaker. Here for nearly fifty years he has honored an honorable employment by a life of industry and usefulness. In all his business relations, as well as in the various positions of trust to which he has been called, he has been guided by that noblest of virtues, *fidelity*. Lacking neither the information nor the courage to maintain his principles, his sphere of usefulness may have been greater than as if he had been a lawyer.

Possessed of a military spirit even from boyhood, in 1834 he was commissioned captain, in 1840 adjutant of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, and three years later was appointed brigade inspector. In 1849 he was unanimously chosen captain of the "Rochester Phalanx," an independent company composed of many of the first young men of the town, and continued in command till the military system of the State was changed in 1856.

He held the office of deputy sheriff from 1844 to 1847, and acted as guard at the execution of Andrew Howard (p. 312). He had been selected by Sheriff Hoyt to assist in the execution, but another deputy asked Mr. Edgerly to change places with him. "Certainly," said Mr. Edgerly; "while I would not shirk my duty, I have no wish to be particularly prominent in swinging a poor wretch into eternity."

In 1844 Mr. Edgerly was appointed justice of the peace, and acted as such forty years, declining to again qualify in 1884. In 1853 he was made an associate justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and remained a sound adviser until the system of courts was changed.

Mr. Edgerly was made a Mason Nov. 16, 1850; was Master of Humane Lodge from 1854 to 1858, and again in 1861; was treasurer from 1873 to 1884; and D. D. G. Master in 1858-59. He was a charter member of Temple Chapter of R. A. M., and is a Knight Templar.

In politics Mr. Edgerly was originally a Democrat, but dissented from his party in regard to the Fugitive Slave Law, the Dred Scott Decision, and the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. After its repeal, believing that "squatter sovereignty" applied to Kansas, he became a "Douglas Democrat." But when rebellion arose he laid aside all party affiliations, and to the full extent of his power and influence supported the administration in its suppression, and advocated the second election of Abraham Lincoln. The preservation of the Union, with its flag floating over the whole country, was to him the paramount principle, and no man in the town of Rochester is held in higher esteem by the soldiers of the Grand Army than he. They remember him as one who stood by them and their families, and in word and deed proved himself the patriot-citizen, the friend who fought for them at home while they were fighting for freedom at the front.

In 1866 he was appointed judge of probate for Strafford county, and held the office till removed for political reasons by the Democratic State administration in 1874.

The life of Judge Edgerly has been long and eventful, full of interesting incidents which illustrated the character of the man. Just after the passage of the Fugitive Slave Law, a slave fleeing to Canada came one night to the house of the late Hon. J. H. Ela. The United States officers were in close pursuit, and as Mr. Ela was a noted abolitionist, he feared they would find their victim without fail if he kept him in hiding at his own house. So he went to Mr. Edgerly, who being a well-known Democrat would be unsuspected, and stated the case: how the poor fellow had been hunted from the rice swamps of Carolina, chased by blood-hounds, and traveling by night with the North star for his guide,

resting in the woods by day, had now so nearly reached the land of freedom, and what a death blow to his hopes it would be now to be captured and sent back to slavery. Mr. Edgerly had been walking the room with rapid strides, his great heart filled with indignation against the law, and with no hesitation became "a conductor on the underground railroad." By his aid, advice, and money the slave escaped to Canada. This is only one of many incidents showing that his heart was always in the right place, and by which he won a firm hold on the love and respect of his fellow townsmen.

The writer of this hasty sketch remembers him best when, as a member of the school committee, he made frequent visits to the schools, and became almost a father to hundreds of boys and girls who are now men and women. Though the silver threads are mixed with the dark ones of our heads, and many have left the old home for other States, yet none of those who attended the Main-street school in those days will ever forget honest-hearted, free-spoken, bluff, good-natured Judge Edgerly, who made all their interests his interests.

SAMUEL JAMESON VARNEY.

SAMUEL J. VARNEY, son of *Capt. Phineas Varney*, was born at Gonic in 1814. His father sailed in command of the privateer brig *Mars* from Portsmouth, and was never heard from. Mr. Varney left home in 1831, and served an apprenticeship in the "Dover Gazette" office, with John T. Gibbs. In 1835 he purchased "The Iris," at Methuen, Mass., and changed it to the "Methuen Falls Gazette." After four years he sold out, and having spent a short time in the West, he bought the "Vox Populi" at Lowell, Mass., which he published from 1841 to 1850, when he bought the "Lowell Courier and Journal." In 1855 he bought back the "Vox Populi" and published it till his decease, Nov. 11, 1859. In 1836 he married Mary Jane, daughter of Stephen Place of Rochester. She died in 1850 leaving five children. In 1851 he married Ruth Stewart, who survived him with two children. In 1850-51 he was a member of the common council, and of the board of aldermen in 1852 and 1859. The printers of Lowell and other citizens in large numbers attended his funeral. An obituary



Rev Ezekiel Tamm

notice says:—"All works of benevolence and philanthropy were sure of his co-operation. In social life he was unusually happy and considerate of the comfort of others. The needy never came to him in vain, and the sick and suffering never lacked his tenderest care. His place is not easily filled. The good he did will long survive him, and there are many of our citizens who will till life's end consecrate a warm corner of their hearts to his memory."

REV. EZEKIEL TRUE.

Henry True came from England and settled in Salem, Mass., where he married a daughter of Capt. Robert Pike and had two sons, the elder of whom was *Capt. Henry True*. He married Jane Bradbury and had four children, among whom was *Dea. John True*, who married Martha Morrell and had five children. Their second son, *Ezekiel*, married Mary Morrell and settled at Salisbury Plain, Mass. Among their ten children was *Jacob*, who settled in Salisbury, N. H., and married Lydia Dow. The fourth of their six children was *Ezekiel*, born at Salisbury, Feb. 6, 1780. He married Nancy Nutting, daughter of one of the first settlers of Corinth, Vt., and had eight children. He owned a farm but was a house carpenter by trade, and his four boys did most of the farm work.

EZEKIEL TRUE, the youngest of the four, was born at Corinth, Vt., June 5, 1814. In his boyhood he had a great liking for books and study, and farming was to him a tiresome drudgery. From twelve years of age he cherished an intense purpose to obtain education enough to teach a common school. His school privileges were limited to about two months each winter, and yet by his persevering energy he passed the examination, obtaining a teacher's certificate at the age of seventeen, and taught a two-months' school with commendable success, receiving eight dollars a month and board. For the next four years he worked on the farm in the summer, attended the Academy at Bradford, Vt., in the fall, and taught school in the winter.

From a very early age he was seriously inclined, and deeply anxious in regard to personal religion. He was converted in 1828, and joined the Free Will Baptist Church in Corinth, March 20, 1830. Impressed with the conviction that the ministry must be his life work, he preached his first sermon July 5, 1835, from

Matthew 16:26. He continued to preach through the summer, and in the winter traveled, holding meetings in various places through Northern Vermont, but with no marked success. Feeling the need of a better education he went to North Parsonsfield Seminary in Maine, the only academy then belonging to his denomination. His father gave him twenty dollars, and by the aid of teaching winters, he acquired a common academic education. After leaving school he held meetings in Cornish, Me., resulting in sixty or seventy conversions.

He was ordained at Corinth, Vt., June 22, 1837, and in January, 1838, became pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Portsmouth, where he remained three years, adding the labors of a city missionary to the regular pastoral work. During this time about one hundred were added to the church. For thirty-five years he preached without the loss of a single Sabbath, and was in labors abundant for nearly ten years more. Having been pastor in Wells, South Berwick, and Saco, Me., and in Portsmouth, Ashland, Pittsfield, Lake Village, Alton, Gilford, and Farmington, N. H., he spent his last years in Rochester, where he founded the Rochester Village Free Will Baptist Church, and where he died Feb. 18, 1883 (p. 283-5).

In November, 1839, he married Sylvia M. Hobbs of Wells, Me., whose natural abilities, education, and rare spiritual gifts qualified her to be a most efficient helpmeet in all his work. She died April 30, 1881. In June, 1882, he married Mrs. Clara D. Smith, who survives him.

Mr. True was a man of untiring energy, wholly devoted to his work. He served on the school board in most of the towns where he resided. He preached not less than four thousand and five hundred sermons, attended about five hundred funerals, married three hundred and fifty couples, and baptized about three hundred persons. His genial, social disposition won him many friends who still hold his name in affectionate remembrance.

DR. JASPER H. YORK.

JASPER HAZEN YORK was born in Lee, Feb. 27, 1816, and died in Dover, April 7, 1874. When he was two years of age his parents moved from Lee to Rochester, which place remained his

home till he made one for himself in South Boston. He was the third son of *John* and *Rebecca York*. His father was a successful farmer, retiring in his disposition, but widely known and respected for his honesty, integrity, and good common sense. His mother was a woman of great strength of character and wonderfully successful in impressing her own superior mental power upon her children.

In early boyhood he was noted for his love of books and studious habits. As he grew older the passion for an education took complete possession of him, and nothing short of a profession would satisfy his ambition. His father used every inducement to have him remain on the farm, but when he became convinced that this was utterly repugnant to the boy's desires, he reluctantly gave his consent that this son should choose his own life work.

After leaving the public schools he continued his studies at Phillips Exeter Academy. Then for several years he taught school in Kittery, Me., Dover, N. H., and other places. As a teacher he was wonderfully successful, not only in the public schools but in after years when he had a continuous succession of medical students in his office. He always took great interest in educational affairs, serving with signal success on the school committee in Boston for many years, proving himself one of the most efficient men that board ever had.

He graduated from Harvard Medical College with honor in the year 1845. He soon settled in South Boston and immediately acquired a good practice. He was early noted for his surgical skill—in fact he had nearly all the surgery in South Boston—and also for his skill in diagnosis, seeming to arrive at correct conclusions almost intuitively. In every way he proved himself an able, skillful physician, winning the confidence of his patients and the respect of other medical men. Soon after he settled in South Boston he entered heartily into the anti-slavery movement, using freely his influence and his money to advance the interest of the cause, and ardently supporting Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Charles Sumner, and Theodore Parker in their warfare upon the great evil of slavery.

His parents were Free Will Baptists and he had been brought up in that faith, but about this time his religious thought under-

went a change, so that he connected himself with the society over which Theodore Parker was pastor.

When the Know-Nothing party sprang into its ephemeral existence, and the Roman Catholics of Boston and elsewhere endeavored to put it down, Dr. York took strong sides with that party, because he believed in free thought, free speech, and absolutely free government, and did not believe in uneducated, irresponsible men from other countries dominating and ruling native-born citizens. For the active part he took in this he came near being mobbed by the Catholics. He was fearless to the highest degree, a man of decided convictions, and always ready to defend them, with his life if necessary.

A large number of medical students graduated from his office with honor both to themselves and to him, among whom may be mentioned his nephew, Dr. John Colby York, Dr. W. H. Page of Rochester, Dr. William Sprague, Dr. J. F. Frisbie of Rochester, Dr. S. C. Whittier, Dr. W. H. Westcott, and others.

When the civil war broke out he was intensely loyal, believing the end of slavery would result. Having offered his services to the United States government, he was stationed at Fairfax Seminary Hospital, Va., and Armory Square Hospital in Washington, D. C.

In 1865, following a too close application to his professional work, he was prostrated with disease of the stomach from which he never recovered. Several times he relinquished practice and partly regained his health, but his active disposition would not long allow him to rest, and a return to his work brought back the disease, and after a lingering and painful illness he died in Dover. He had removed to that city several years before, where he purchased a small farm, hoping the out-door life might prove beneficial. For a short time his difficulty to some extent abated, but the disease proved too deeply seated to be easily eradicated. In 1860 he married Mary Elsie Watts, daughter of Charles S. Watts, Esq., of South Boston, who, with one daughter, survives him.

FRANCIS ORR.

FRANCIS ORR was born in Topsham, Me., in 1816. At the age of fourteen he went to Boston to obtain a commercial education,



Charles Main

and found employment in a dry goods jobbing house. He showed an aptitude for business and soon became an excellent accountant. While book-keeper at the factories in Dudley, Mass., he married the daughter of Col. John Eddy. After this he was clerk and paymaster of the mills at Barre, Mass., and came to Rochester in December, 1847, to take the position of clerk and book-keeper for the Norway Plains Company. Here he continued for just thirty years, when he was stricken with paralysis which confined him to the house. After an illness of more than six years he died Nov. 16, 1883, leaving a wife and two children.

Notwithstanding the constant pressure of his counting-room duties, he was an active man in the interests of the community. For many years he was an engineer in the fire department, and always took a deep interest in the welfare of the fire companies. He was a director in the old Mechanics' Bank, and afterwards a corporator and director in the Rochester Savings Bank. He was a member of the Legislature in 1871 and 1873. The latter term he was chairman of the committee on incorporations and one of the most valuable members, speaking rarely but always to the point. Mr. Orr was thoroughly identified with the business of Rochester for many years, and was well known as a progressive and energetic business man.

CHARLES MAIN.

CHARLES MAIN, son of David and Esther (Norwood) Main, and great-great-grandson of Rev. Amos Main (p. 83), was born in 1817, orphaned at an early age, and apprenticed to learn the saddlers' trade at Dover, when fifteen years old. He showed at once an ambition to master every detail of the business. With only an ordinary English education, this thoroughness in whatever he undertook was the foundation of his subsequent success. At the age of twenty-one he went to Pittsburg, Penn., and soon after to Nashua, where he worked for several years at his trade. In 1845 he formed a partnership with M. S. Mayo in the manufacture of carriages and harnesses at Boston. While in the height of business success, he was seized with the gold fever, and joined a company of one hundred young men, who purchased the ship *Leonora*, laded her with merchandise, and started for California, Feb. 4, 1849.

Sailing around Cape Horn they landed at San Francisco, July 5, where they made a handsome profit on the cargo. After one week he went to Benicia, where he built the steamer *New England*, the parts of which they had brought in their ship. This was the first side-wheel steamer on the Sacramento. After boating provisions and supplies to settlements along the river for a short time, Mr. Main sold the steamer and went to mining with fair success. He, however, preferred a business life and formed a partnership with E. H. Winchester of Fall River, Mass., which has continued from 1850 to the present time. Both were active, industrious, closely attentive, and courteous to all customers, and were soon compelled to enlarge their business. Their trade embraces the wholesale and retail business of everything pertaining to saddlery wares, and they carry the heaviest stock of any in America. Thorough workmanship, excellence of material, promptitude, and absolute truthfulness have achieved success and carried their goods to every part of the known world.

Mr. Main married Feb. 8, 1847, Mary A. Norton of Providence, R. I. In 1874 he traveled in Europe. He was several years president, and always director of the Central Railroad Company of San Francisco; also president of the wire-rope Railroad Company; and a founder and one of the first directors of the California Insurance Company. He is an attendant and supporter of the Unitarian Church, and was conspicuous for his liberality to the Christian Commission in the time of war. He is widely known as a public-spirited citizen, identified with the best interests of California, and active in all enterprises for the public good. He now stands among the very first of the manufacturers and importing merchants of San Francisco.

DR. ISAAC W. LOUGEE.

John Lougee, born in the island of Jersey in 1695, came to this country in 1713. He settled in that part of Exeter which is now Newmarket, where he married a Gilman. Their grandson, *Joseph Lougee*, with his wife and eight children lived to an average age of eighty-three years and three months. The oldest of their eight children, *John F.*, was born at Exeter, and died in Rochester Jan.





J. W. Lougee M.D.

16, 1880, aged ninety-three years. He settled on a farm at Gilmanton, where he married a daughter of Dr. William Smith, who had settled there as the first physician in 1767. Dr. Smith was a man of sterling principle and did much for the educational, moral, and religious interests of the town in its early history. He lived to the age of ninety-three years and six months. He had ten sons and seven daughters, who, with the exception of four who died in childhood, lived to an average of eighty-four years, and were all members of the Congregational Church. *John F. Lougee* had four children:—*Joseph*, who died at twenty-five; *ISAAC W.*; *William S.*, who died at twenty-nine; and *Elizabeth M.*, wife of L. S. Nute of Alton.

ISAAC W. LOUGEE, the second son, was born at Gilmanton Aug. 1, 1818. Having received a common school education, he attended select schools taught by Rev. C. G. Safford and Hon. George G. Fogg, and also the Gilmanton Academy. He began the study of medicine with Dr. Otis French of Gilmanton, and attended lectures at Hanover and at Woodstock, Vt. He graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1845, and the following November began the practice of medicine at New Durham. In 1847 he located in Alton, where he continued for twenty-one years, and then bought out Dr. James Farrington of Rochester. Subsequently they formed a partnership, and were in practice together for ten years under the firm name of Farrington & Lougee.

Dr. Lougee is a member of the Strafford District Medical Society, of which he has been president, besides holding minor offices. He is also a member of the State Medical Society, in which he has held responsible positions. In 1862 he was appointed examining surgeon for Belknap county. As a physician Dr. Lougee excels both in diagnosis and the selection of suitable remedies. By close observation he has been able early to learn the type, and successfully to treat epidemics of a severe character.

He is a Republican in politics. Very early in life he espoused the cause of freedom, and was always bitterly opposed to the extension of slavery. He was postmaster at Alton during the administration of Presidents Taylor and Fillmore. In 1866 and 1867 he represented Alton in the State Legislature, during which time he had the satisfaction of voting for the fourteenth amendment of the United States Constitution. In 1877 and 1878 he

represented Rochester in the Legislature, the last year serving as chairman of the Committee on Asylums for the Insane. In 1885 he purchased the "Rochester Courier," which is still (1888) under his management. He is also one of the directors of the Norway Plains Savings Bank.

He has been twice married,—first to Julia A., daughter of Thomas Ross of Gilmanton. Of this union one child, Mary A., was born, who died at Rochester Jan. 8, 1883. Mrs. Lougee died Aug. 8, 1865, and he married for his second wife, Ellen, daughter of Hazen Wheeler of Barnstead. Their children are William W. and Arthur J. The elder graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of '88, and the younger graduated from the high school in Rochester, June, 1888.

EL A.

BY MRS. MARY H. ELA.

The first mention of the name of Ela in America occurs in the town records of Haverhill, Mass., under date of Oct. 19, 1658, as follows:—"It is voted and granted by the town, that Daniel Ela shall have four and one half acres of land north of Abraham Tyler's land, next to the little pond, in the way of exchange for Abra. Tyler's land, which he, Ela, hath bought by Samuel Geald at the pond meadow."

The name of Daniel Ela occurs frequently in the town records from this time, he having been elected many times to offices of trust by his fellow citizens. *Daniel Ela* and Elizabeth Baxter were married in Haverhill, Aug. 28, 1698.

That *Daniel Ela* was the father of *Israel Ela*, and the progenitor of the Ela family in this country, seems almost certain, as he is the only person of that name mentioned in the records until Israel is made a freeman in 1677. The descendants of Israel were for several generations in possession of lands originally granted to Daniel. From these ancestors can be traced a numerous family, reaching down to the present time, in one branch of which we find *Enoch Ela* of Rochester, N. H., who in 1813 married Mary Hart of Rochester. One son was born of this union whose life is the subject of the following biographical sketch, for much of which we are indebted to excellent and appreciative obituary

notices which appeared in many of the New Hampshire weekly papers.

JACOB HART ELA was born in Rochester on the 18th of July, 1820. The house in which his parents lived during his infancy, stood on what is now known as the John Roberts place, at the south end of the town. Many of his townsmen can remember the large-hearted, good-natured boy, who was a favorite with his companions at the village school, where he made the most of the few advantages afforded for an education. One says "he was not a brilliant scholar; but all that he knew he knew thoroughly, and he wanted to argue with his teacher about everything that was debatable." His parents were poor, and he had to struggle for the little education he obtained. When only fourteen years old he was apprenticed to a woolen manufacturer, and worked in a factory until he was seventeen, when he went to Concord to learn the printers' trade with his cousin George W. Ela, who then owned and published the "Statesman." Though but a boy in years, he was then a man in stature, with a mind that was broadening day by day, and a heart always warm with generous impulses. He inherited from his mother not only his large frame and sound mind, but a love for the eternal principles of right, and the strong will which could carry these convictions into effect. He belonged to a juvenile anti-slavery society at this time, and by its earnest debates was making ready for the more serious warfare into which he entered later. The first address he ever wrote he delivered before this society at its annual meeting in the Methodist Church at Concord in the year 1839. That interest in politics which was so strong throughout his life was shown at this early age, when in 1840, with John H. George, Lewis Downing, Jr., Daniel J. Abbott, and other young men of Concord, he was active in forming a "Young Men's Tippecanoe Club," which was of some account in its day. On attaining his majority, he became for a time one of the publishers of the "Statesman," but sold out his interest when it changed hands in 1844. In a letter to N. P. Rogers, published in the "Herald of Freedom," Dec. 6, 1844, he says:—"I have belonged to anti-slavery societies for the last nine or ten years, and have been a member of one with you, I think, for the last five years, and for six years have attended and taken part in the meetings of the State society." This shows his interest

in anti-slavery to date back to the year 1835, a year memorable for its pro-slavery mobs and attacks upon free speech, when the young advocate for freedom, burning with sympathy for the enslaved, must have longed to be a man that he might take an active part in the brave work of the Abolitionists. In 1844 he was chosen recording secretary of the New Hampshire Anti-Slavery Society, and was also one of the executive committee and secretary of the board of managers. In December of that year he became the publishing agent of the "Herald of Freedom," and held that position until the paper suspended publication July 3, 1846, and the society ceased to exist. In later years, in speaking of his work with the Abolitionists, Mr. Ela said:—"I owe everything to it. A man never fights for great principles without gaining more good for himself than he can give to the cause."

May 10, 1845, while living in Concord, he married Mrs. Abigail M. Kelley, who had then three children, who were warmly welcomed to his heart and home. In 1847 he returned with his family to Rochester, and here three sons were born:—*Frederic Parker*, May 30, 1848; *Wendell Phillips*, August 20, 1849; and *Charles Sumner*, May 2, 1853. Mrs. Ela was a woman of rare excellence, and of strong character and intellect. She sympathized heartily with her husband in every philanthropic work, being especially interested in the cause of anti-slavery.

In the last years of his life, while living in Washington, Mr. Ela was the friend of the freedmen, as he had formerly been the friend of the slaves. They came to him for aid in every enterprise, and the assistance he freely gave was always accompanied with kind words of sympathy and encouragement. Probably no other department office could show upon its roll the names of so many colored men and women as did his; and he would point with pride and pleasure to some of them as among his best clerks.

Mr. Ela was not only interested in the moral phase of the anti-slavery movement, but he also took an active interest in its political influence. When John P. Hale was dropped by the Democratic party as a candidate for Congress because of his opposition to the annexation of Texas as a slave State, Mr. Ela was one of his most ardent supporters; and it was largely due to his efforts in printing and circulating votes throughout the State that the Democratic candidate nominated in place of Mr. Hale was thrice defeated at

the polls, and that political revolution took place in New Hampshire which resulted in sending Mr. Hale to the United States Senate instead of to the House of Representatives. Mr. Ela visited several parts of the State in the interest of the movement, and when he reached his old home he was made glad by finding that some of his townsmen had issued the celebrated "Hale Call" for a meeting, and were already organized and aggressive. In his last visit to Rochester he recounted these scenes, and said it had always afforded him the greatest pleasure to remember those men of Rochester who stood up so squarely against the encroachments of the slave power. Mr. Ela had printed a prospectus for a campaign paper to be called "The Hale-Storm," in the editorials of which Moses A. Cartland and others had promised assistance; but before the new enterprise was fairly begun the "Independent Democrat" was removed from Manchester to Concord, and it was deemed wiser to abandon the project, and join in strengthening that by making it the campaign paper. Mr. Ela became a partner in its publication, and organized the combination which united with it "The Granite Freeman" and "The New Hampshire Courier." He was engaged in this work when it became necessary for him to return to Rochester in 1847. After this, while engaged to some extent in farming, he was employed as station agent on the railroad.

In 1855 Mr. Ela was appointed State Bank Commissioner, and was one of the selectmen of Rochester in 1856. He represented the town in the Legislature of 1857-58, and was chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, and also of the Committee on Elections. One who was in the Legislature with him says: "Mr. Ela took a very advanced position on the Northern side of the great national questions which were then prominent, and was from the first a conspicuous leader in the advance guard of the Republicans. I remember well his bold and forcible speeches, which did much to form and sustain measures in opposition to the dominant National party." In common with all other Abolitionists, Mr. Ela's indignation was greatly excited by the Dred Scott Decision, which, if enforced, would oblige every State to countenance slavery by protecting the slave-holder, and the following resolutions from the Journal of the New Hampshire Legislature in 1858, introduced by him while a member of the Dred Scott com-

mittee, are interesting, as they recall the moral warfare, now almost forgotten, which was raging thirty years ago:—

“Whereas, Every person born and living within this State and owing allegiance to no other government, is a citizen of the State, and by the National Constitution a citizen of the United States, therefore

“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened,—That the action of the State Department of the United States in refusing to grant passports to persons of African descent contrary to previous practice; and of the Treasury Department in refusing to grant them registers for their own vessels, with the right to navigate them as masters; and of the Interior Department in refusing them the right of entry upon the public domain to become purchasers, is an unjust and illegal denial and an invasion of the rights of citizens of New Hampshire.

“Resolved—That we are compelled to believe that these invasions of the rights of our citizens, are the result of the Dred Scott decision, coupled with a desire on the part of the National Administration to favor and strengthen the slaveholding interest, which will be continued so long as slavery remains a ruling element in the government of the country.

“Resolved, That these and other aggressions of the slave power make the prohibition of the future extension of slavery a necessity, and its abolition, where we have the power, a duty.

“Resolved, That the State Government, so far as it has the power, should secure by its own authority those rights which are denied them by the General Government.

“Resolved—That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives requested to use all proper efforts to procure such legislation by Congress as shall secure to every citizen of the State the full enjoyment of his rights.”

Mr. Ela made an able speech in support of these resolutions. He also drew up the National resolutions which were adopted by the Legislature of that year.

In 1861 Mr. Ela was appointed by President Lincoln United States Marshal for New Hampshire, and held the office until he was removed by Andrew Johnson in 1866. The duty of transporting prisoners of war from one fortress to another was a trying one to his sympathetic nature; he saw and heard much of the suffering in both armies, and his heart was stirred with pity for the brave Confederates, as well as for our own boys in blue.

The glorious Proclamation of Emancipation, by which on the 1st of January, 1863, President Lincoln gave immediate liberty to four million slaves, was the end for which Abolitionists in the North had suffered, and hoped, and striven so long; but it came in the midst of the horrors of civil war, when their joy was tempered by sympathy with mourning hearts and the sight of homes made desolate; and it was not until the smoke of battle had cleared away, and they could look back with quiet hearts to the

triumph achieved, that any real satisfaction was felt. Mr. Ela lived to hear the South rejoice in its freedom from the institution which had put chains upon the souls of the masters as heavy as those they had forged for the slave; to see good schools established for the children of freedmen, and many of them coming forward, with good education, to fill places of usefulness. He was always patient with their faults, and charitable in his judgment of even the vicious among them, remembering that the moral nature which had been so strained and dwarfed by the vice and degradation of generations of servitude must be developed slowly.

Mr. Ela was nominated for Congress in the district which then comprised the counties of Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap, and Carroll, by the Republican convention at Dover, in 1867, having a majority of but one vote. When he learned how close the vote had been, he turned with a smile to a friend and said, "It has always been so in my life; I have had just enough, and nothing to spare." He received a majority of one thousand votes over Daniel Marcy, and was re-elected in 1869 over Ellery A. Hebbard by a majority of seventeen hundred. After his first election his friends from Portsmouth and adjoining towns gave him a complimentary banquet at the hotel in Rochester. Addresses were made by prominent men of Rockingham county, and Mr. Ela often referred to it in later years as one of the pleasantest events of his life. While in Congress he served on several committees, and took part in some important debates. He was an economist, and his blameless life, sound judgment, and good sense made him respected by all his associates there.

In January, 1872, Mr. Ela was appointed Fifth Auditor of the Treasury at Washington, and held that position until the summer of 1881 when, during the Star-Route trial, President Garfield requested him to take the place of Sixth Auditor, or Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department. Although loth to exchange light duties for heavy ones, and old friends for new, Mr. Ela cheerfully accepted the burden of increased responsibility and hard work imposed upon him by this change, and here he labored faithfully during the remainder of his life, never sparing himself, and finding little time for rest or recreation.

A great sorrow came to Mr. and Mrs. Ela in the spring of 1873. Their eldest son, Frederic, a young man of great promise,—sunny-

hearted, affectionate, and brave, — had gone to Japan on his first voyage as Lieutenant in the Navy. While there a serious illness had attacked him, caused, it was believed, by the effect of the climate and the water of the country. Hoping to save his life, his physicians ordered his return, and he had sailed from Hong Kong for San Francisco; but he was destined never to reach that harbor. The voyage for him was to the port of Heaven.

In September, 1879, Mrs. Ela, who had been an invalid for many years, entered into the rest for which she had waited long and patiently.

In his religion Mr. Ela was not sectarian. Early in life, when he saw churches either upholding slavery, or keeping silence when they should have denounced it, he turned from them and espoused a better and a nobler faith than any he saw there — the religion of Humanity. That high authority which said “pure religion and undefiled is to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world,” would have found no fault with his. His sympathies were generous and world-wide; he was independent in all his views, and maintained them with the courage of clear conviction. His only creed was the simple one of “love to God and love to man,” and this he lived up to in every hour of his life. His modest charities were bestowed willingly and unceasingly. He was so simple and retiring that the full beauty of his character was revealed only to those who knew him most intimately. He was the children’s friend; his winning smile and the kindly glance of his blue eyes from beneath the overhanging eyebrows gained their confidence at once; and no wonder, for at heart he was always a child himself. His nature was too large to harbor any petty feelings of jealousy or revenge. If an offence or slight was intended, he never seemed to see it. And yet beneath his habitual serenity there burned a fire which could on a sudden leap to the surface and blaze hotly for a moment; but these rare surprises only served to deepen one’s admiration for his usual self-control. His conscience was quick to administer its own rebuke, and his self-judgments were searching and just. He rarely sought to defend himself if the honesty of his motives was questioned, or any slur was cast upon his character, as will sometimes happen to every man in public life. “They hurt themselves more than they can hurt me,” he said,

when urged to do so; "a man who has done nothing wrong has nothing to fear." Truly,

"His armor was his honest thought,
And simple truth his utmost skill!"

Mr. Ela believed in total abstinence, and many will remember how hard he strove to keep the town free from the scourge of intemperance when he lived in Rochester. He was deeply attached to his native town and, in all the years of his enforced absence, would call no other place home. He had the best interests of the town always at heart, and many improvements in and around the village were made through his persistent efforts. One of his fellow townsmen said of him:—"The people of Rochester knew Mr. Ela well. He had been an active man all his days; his neighbors knew him and believed in him, and respected him for his wholeheartedness. His friends were found in the common walks of life; they were men who had known him all his life, and they loved to tell of his success." Mr. Ela had faith in the principles of the Republican party. He took an active part in every political campaign in New Hampshire for more than thirty years, and often assisted in those of other States. He had not the gift of eloquence, but he seemed always to know upon what points his hearers most needed to be enlightened, and his ripe experience, sound sense, and a simple directness of speech, to which his evident sincerity gave dignity and power, made him a popular and influential speaker. The workingmen always saw in him a true friend who had their best interests at heart, for he had fought their battles and helped to secure the passage of the law which reduced the day's work from twelve hours to ten. When the North was electrified by the first call for volunteers to march against the Rebels, it was he who wrote the call for Rochester's first war meeting and carried it to other citizens for signatures (p. 196). He drew up the patriotic resolutions which were adopted, including a call for a town meeting to encourage volunteers by providing for their families in their absence.

Mr. Ela used to recall with pleasure the fact that he secured the services of Anna Dickinson at the outset of her public career, and made arrangements for the first ten political speeches ever made by her. They were made in his own Congressional District

in 1863. The eloquence which a little later gained the admiration of the country, arousing the patriotism and thrilling the hearts of all who heard her, was a revelation of the power of woman which will never be forgotten.

In the last years of his life Mr. Ela made the right relations between labor and capital a constant study. He deplored the injustice of monopolies and the greed of capitalists, and longed to see laws enacted which should help the workingman.

The instinctive love of liberty and of justice he showed in other things made him a friend to the cause of woman's suffrage. He believed that the natural and inalienable rights of man and woman were the same, and that she^{or} could decide for herself whether her happiness and welfare would be helped or hindered by the ballot.

In each office where Mr. Ela was auditor, he seemed more like a father among his children than like a chief with his subordinates. If any were in trouble, he listened patiently to their griefs and gave them good advice. If a man was in debt, with a family to support, he lent him money, and tried to see that he used it wisely. With infinite patience he strove to reform the intemperate, forgiving offences again and again for the sake of the wife and children who would suffer if the man should lose his position. Often, in such a case, he would oblige the delinquent to allow his wife to come to the office and take his salary when it was due. Such an office is a community in itself, and there was hardly a man or woman there who did not feel sure of a firm friend in the good auditor, and try to serve him well. One who was associated with him there expressed this feeling in a letter written soon after Mr. Ela's death, as follows: — "From the first day of his coming here I have been attached to him, and my regard has grown with the passing months and years. I early learned to respect his exact justice to all, and to love him for his childlike simplicity, and his tenderness to those in trouble and distress. He was the kindest and best of men, and loved to go out of his way to do good whether appreciated or not. Until forced to do so, he never believed evil of any one. I wish all the world knew his real sterling worth, his purity, honesty, simplicity, and love of right and justice, as I knew it. How patient and long-suffering he was! And yet with all his loving-kindness, tenderness, and gentleness, he was possessed of a rare discriminating business tact, decision, judgment, and power

of mind given to but very few men. He came to the duties of this office unacquainted with its details, precedents, and usages, and yet his decisions of vexed questions stand confirmed and sustained by high authority in almost every instance."

Mr. Ela loved all animals. He was a judge of horses, and liked to own a good one. In the last years of his life he kept one in Washington, which he had raised himself, and a pleasant drive was the recreation of every day. He enjoyed "a good brush" on the road, and was not often beaten in a race. As he flew along the road, he would seem to feel the excitement of it in every nerve, and his fine face would glow with pleasure. He loved the beautiful in everything. He knew every drive for miles around the city, and no fine view or picturesque point escaped his notice. He knew, too, where the wild flowers grew, each in its season, and took pleasure in gathering them for his friends. No enjoyment of any kind was ever complete to him unless he could share it with some one. In one of the last weeks of his life, when I think he knew the shadow of another world had fallen upon him, he said: "The greatest happiness I have had in life has come from doing good to others." He seemed to walk by a clearer light than is given to most of us, and he was at all times "a tower of strength" to those about him.

In October, 1880, Mr. Ela married Miss Mary Handerson of Keene, N. H., youngest daughter of Hon. Phineas Handerson, who, many years ago, was a distinguished member of the Cheshire bar. In the winter of 1882-83 Charles S. Ela went to Colorado on some business for his father, and in the hope that the change of climate might also benefit his health, which had for some time been delicate. He gained in health so fast for a time that he wished to live in Colorado for a few years. He became interested in cattle raising, and induced his father to form a company for that business, of which he was to be superintendent. In the summer of 1883 Mr. Ela went to Colorado to visit his son and see for himself how matters looked there. He was a good deal worn by his official work when he started, and the journey was taken too hurriedly. It was many years since he had been much on horseback, and the rough ride of thirty or forty miles from Grand Junction to the cattle-range was too hard for him. He was so ill in the little cabin on the mountain that he feared he should not

live to see home again. He did return, but he was never well again, for just as he was beginning to seem more like his old self news came that his son was very ill in Denver, and was followed soon by the terrible tidings of his death. From this time Mr. Ela lost much of his courage and his interest in life. The daily work of his office was more than he was equal to, and with the faithfulness to every duty and the disregard of self which characterized his life, he took no rest, — postponing the summer's vacation until the overtaxed system could not resist the insidious disease, facial erysipelas, which at last attacked him. He was at his desk for the last time on the 13th of August, 1884, and on the morning of the 21st the brave soul, for which death had no terrors, passed peacefully away into another life.

From a brief memorial which accompanied resolutions adopted by his brother officers of the Treasury Department after Mr. Ela's death, we copy the following: —

"Mr. Ela was appointed Fifth Auditor of the Treasury in January, 1872, and held that office until June 2, 1881, when he was appointed Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department. He brought to these positions a ripe experience in public affairs, both State and National; and throughout his continuance in the Treasury service, extended far beyond the average term allotted to the Head of a Bureau, his conduct of these offices commends him as a conscientious and faithful official. In some respects he was a man of marked characteristics. His modest demeanor, his honesty of purpose, and his official integrity won for him the confidence of all; while his kindness of manner secured their high regard. His relations with those immediately connected with and subordinate to him were especially happy. Affable in his intercourse, just in his methods, and quick in his sympathies and appreciation, he was esteemed the friend of each, and none to-day mourn with us his loss more sincerely."

One of the resolutions adopted by the sorrowing friends in his own office reads as follows: —

"That we esteem it a privilege, individually and collectively, to have known and been associated with an official of such marked ability, sympathetic nature, and purity of character; and while we feel that his death is in a peculiar sense our personal loss, we realize that the public service has been deprived of one of its ablest and best servants, whose long service has been distinguished by great simplicity and purity of life."

The good words which were written and spoken of Mr. Ela in sincerest grief and appreciation by many warm personal friends might fill a volume, but the limits of this sketch will not permit us to print them.

The news of Mr. Ela's death was heard in Rochester with heart-

felt sorrow. Her citizens gathered in Hayes Hall on the evening of the 23d and adopted resolutions expressing their affection and respect, the first of which we give here: —

“Resolved, That it is with deep sorrow we learn of the sudden death of our beloved townsman; and while in this dispensation we acknowledge the hand of a wise and overruling Providence, we feel that we have lost a kind neighbor, a true friend, and a fellow citizen ever faithful to his convictions of right, and one who has spent the years of an active life with no selfish purpose, but with a paramount desire to relieve the burdens of others, as at all times manifested by his acts in behalf of struggling humanity.”

On the 25th places of business were closed from 12 to 5 o'clock P. M., and at the funeral services the old Congregational Church was filled with mourning friends from Rochester and the neighboring towns. Rev. Mr. Mellen of Dover preached an impressive sermon from the simple text “A good man,” and a long procession, escorted by the Sampson Post, G. A. R., which had asked the privilege of thus showing its respect, moved slowly and sadly to the cemetery.

“Alike are life and death
When life in death survives,
And the uninterrupted breath
Inspires a thousand lives.

Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light,
Still traveling downward from the sky,
Shine on our mortal sight.

So, when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.”

GREENFIELD.

John Torr, the oldest son of Simon and Sarah (Ham) Torr (p. 428), born in 1781 on the old Torr farm in Rochester, had his name changed to *John Greenfield*, because soon after he began business in Rochester his brother, Jonathan Torr, opened a store in the same place, and their goods would get badly mixed. He was reared as a tanner, shoemaker, and farmer, and very early showed signs of great foresight. About 1812 to 1813, he com-

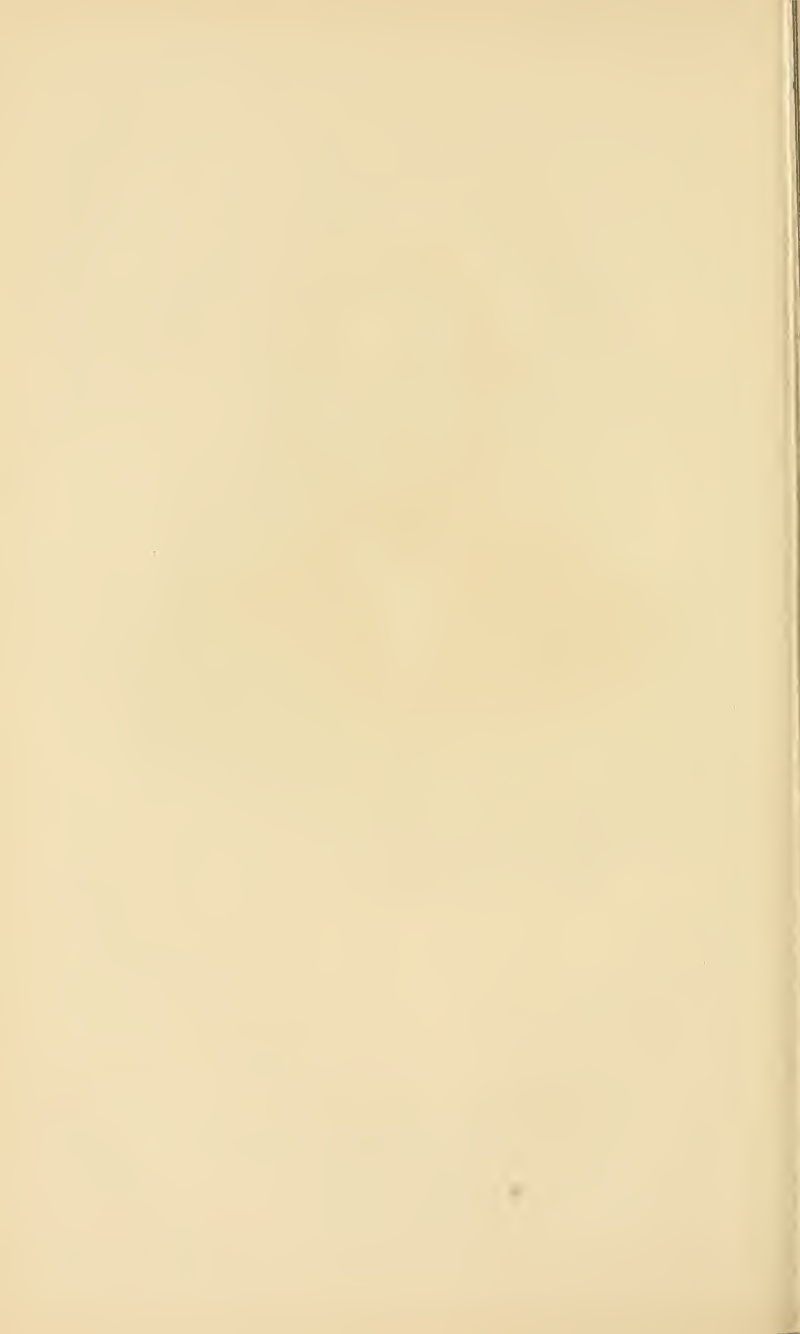
menced trading in Rochester, and for nearly or quite fifty years was one of the most successful business men in town. He was full of energy, and possessing a sound judgment was always able to make good investments. He was somewhat advanced in years when he married Phebe Wentworth and had four children:—CHARLES; *Sarah E.*, wife of E. G. Wallace of Rochester; *Ella G.*, Mrs. Daniel J. Parsons, who died November, 1886; and *George*, who married Mary F., daughter of John Parshley of Strafford, had five children, and died September, 1871. *John Greenfield* died at seventy-five years of age, Jan. 13, 1863, leaving his family an ample fortune, and what is much better, a good name. Some of his children are among the most highly educated people of Rochester, and all are good, worthy citizens.

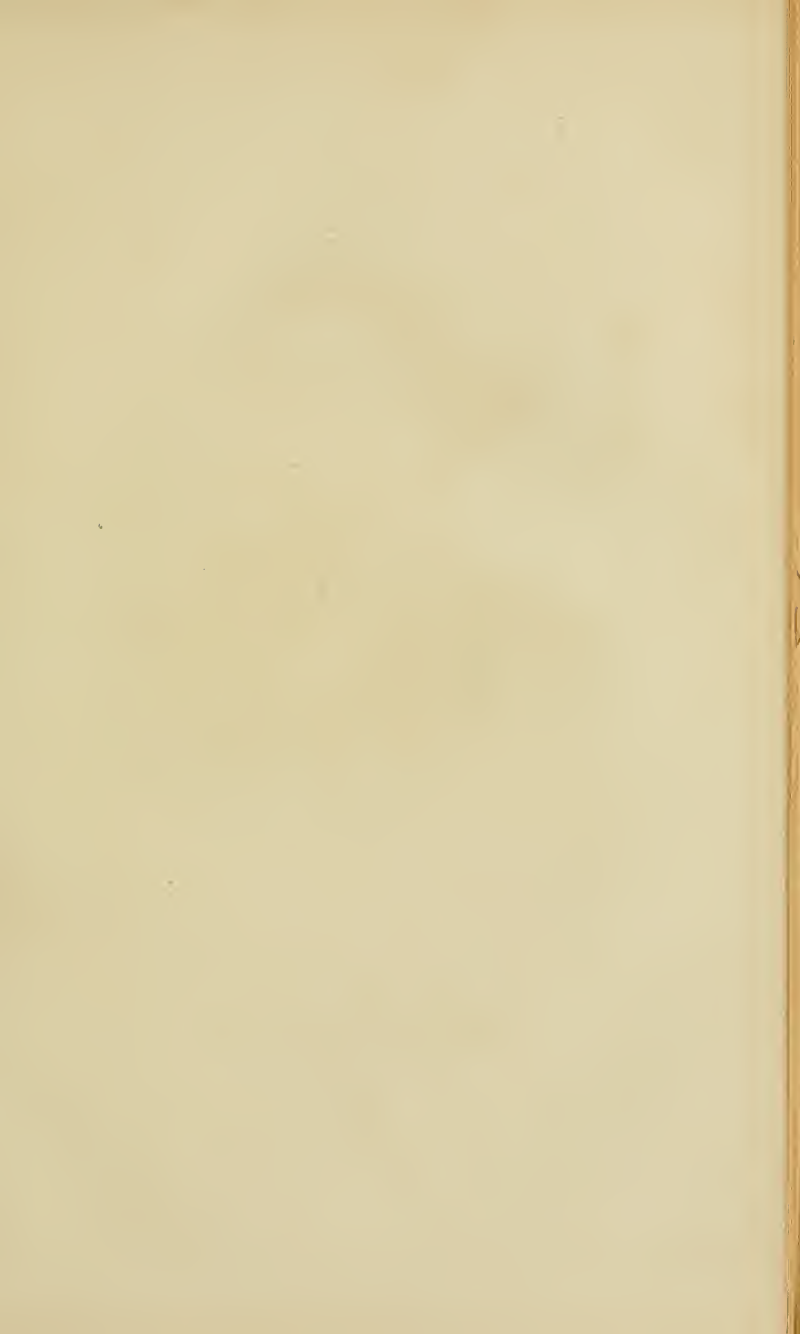
CHARLES GREENFIELD was born in Rochester Feb. 18, 1826, and received a common school and academic education till he was fourteen, when he commenced farming, which has been his principal employment since. Upon the death of his father in 1863 he received his proportion of his father's estate, and this has accumulated till now (1888) he is considered one of the wealthy men of the town. He possesses quick perception, clear judgment, and sound reason. He has seldom, if ever, made a financial mistake, and his word is as good as his bond. He owns several hundred acres in Rochester, and though nominally a farmer, yet he makes his money otherwise. In politics he is a Republican. He is a director of the Rochester National Bank, trustee in the Norway Plains Savings Bank, and stockholder in various railroad and manufacturing interests. He married Aroline B., daughter of Gershom and Sally P. Downs of Rochester, July 5, 1846. She was born in Rochester May 17, 1826. Their children are:—1. *Millie A.*, wife of Horace L. Worcester, a newsdealer in Rochester. 2. *John*, who fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Exeter, and entered Dartmouth in 1868. In 1876 he was elected a member of the board of selectmen, and has since been four times re-elected. He has also served the town as tax collector and as chief engineer of the fire department. In 1879 he was elected high sheriff of the county, and was twice re-elected. 3. *Ella S.*, wife of Justin M. Leavitt of Buxton, Me., who is now register of deeds for York county, Maine. 4. *Sarah E.*, wife of George W. Young of Lowell, Mass., an officer in the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord, Mass.



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5. *Hattie A.* 6. *Frank*, now in business at the West. 7. A son, who died in infancy. Mrs. Greenfield is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Greenfield is very reticent in all matters, modest, not given to show or ostentation, intelligent and prudent, and commands the esteem of all.

LOTHROP.

From the parish of Lowthorpe, Yorkshire, England, came *Mark Lothrop*, the grandson of John Lowthorpe, and settled in Salem, Mass., about 1643. His grandson of the same name married Hannah Alden, great-granddaughter of John and Priscilla. Their great-grandson, *Daniel Lothrop*, settled in Rochester, where he married Sophia, daughter of Dea. Jeremiah Horne. She was a beautiful woman of lofty thoughts and noble aspirations. Her influence had great power in molding and directing the character of her sons. He was loved and respected for his many excellent traits of character, and repeatedly represented the town in the Legislature. His wise, practical sense did good service in defending the rights of liberty for all men. The home on Haven's Hill was in many respects an ideal one, a center of moral and religious influence, and of general intelligence.

JAMES ELERIDGE LOTHROP, the oldest son of Daniel and Sophia, was born in Rochester Nov. 30, 1826. The father, adding the trade of a mason to his care of the farm, was frequently absent, consequently James, as the eldest son, had much responsibility and care at an early age. He attended school winters, and did a man's work on the farm summers. At ten years of age he would take a load of wood to Dover and sell it before seven o'clock in the morning. Sturdy and self-reliant, at nine years of age he walked to Dover and returned bringing a large Latin lexicon for his own use. From the district school he went to the academies at Rochester and Strafford. At sixteen years of age he taught the winter school in the upper district in Rochester, following with a private school in the same place. He was then fitted to enter college a year in advance. By the advice of his uncle, Dr. Jeremiah Horne of Fall River, Mass., he began the study of medicine in his office, where he also learned the drug business. After two years he returned home with fifteen dollars in his

pocket. Borrowing three hundred dollars from his father he opened a drug store at Dover in the fall of 1845. From that simple beginning at nineteen years of age, has grown a business of nearly a million dollars annually. The Lothrop clothing house now occupies the spot where this drug store then stood. For more than a year he conducted the business entirely alone, doing all the regular work by day, and distributing his own advertisements by night to the houses of the citizens. Such energetic industry of course commanded success, and he soon repaid the borrowed money. Desiring to complete the study of medicine, he invited his younger brother *Daniel* to take charge of his drug business, holding out the inducement of an equal share in the profits, and that the firm should be known as "D. Lothrop & Co."

Having attended lectures at Bowdoin Medical College he went also to Philadelphia, where he graduated with the degree of M. D. from the Jefferson Medical College in 1848. Returning to Dover his business increased so rapidly that he gave up all thought of medical practice. It was decided that *Daniel* should open a drug store at Newmarket under the same firm name, and another brother, *John C. Lothrop*, was received into equal partnership. The drug store at Dover still continues under the name "Lothrops & Pinkham." For forty years these brothers have presented a remarkable instance of family union. There has been an absolute unity of interests, though established in different cities, each having direction of the business best suited to his own tastes and ability. Other stores were subsequently opened at Meredith Bridge, now Laconia, Amesbury Mills, Mass., and at Great Falls, where *John C.* still remains, who is prominent in church and Sabbath school work, and influential in all matters of public interest.

About 1855, their father desiring to enter trade, they opened a clothing house in Dover as "D. Lothrop & Sons," and soon established branches at Rochester and Great Falls. It is not necessary to follow minutely all the changes in their widely extended business. Another brother, *M. Henry Lothrop*, who has been president of the common council of Dover, after a service of eight years as salesman took a half interest in the clothing store at Dover. In 1880 he was transferred to the Boston department, and the Dover clothing business is now conducted under the name of "Lothrops, Farnham & Co."

In 1873 there was added to the Dover business a musical department, which is now the largest of its kind in the State, and perhaps in New England.

JAMES E. LOTHROP, being the senior partner, has always retained a general financial leadership in all the departments of the firm. His business capacity is remarkable, even in these days of merchant millionaires. Never disturbed, never hurried, never ruffled in temper, fertile in plans, ready for all emergencies, he never seems in the least burdened with his multiplied cares. He has been constantly sought for to fill places of responsibility, where integrity and business capacity were needed. He has been director in the Cochecho National Bank from 1858, and its president since 1876. In 1871 he became a director in the Cochecho Aqueduct Association, and its president since 1875. He has also been a director in the Portsmouth & Dover Railroad, in the Eliot Bridge Company, and in the Dover Horse Railroad, and president of the Dover Board of Trade.

In 1872 *Dr. Lothrop* was chosen to the Legislature. In 1883 he was elected Mayor of Dover. His uniform business success, due to organization, forethought, energy, and integrity, eminently fitted him for the position. He managed the city affairs precisely as he would his own business, and with such success as to win the highest regard and confidence of the citizens, irrespective of party, who re-elected him with an increased majority. His inflexible determination that the city should not be imposed upon won the victory in the noted valve case, which was tried at Dover preparatory to an attack on Boston. The most important measure of his administration as mayor was the establishment of a free public library. He brought forward the subject in his inaugural address, and with determined energy pressed the matter to final success. His name will always be identified with this most valuable public institution. "Foster's Democrat," an intensely partisan sheet, nevertheless spoke of Mayor Lothrop in these words:—"He does not agree with us in politics, but Dover never had a better mayor, in our judgment. A good, practical, energetic, and successful business man, a man of public spirit and enterprise, a man who knows the principles of true economy and how to practice them without being penurious, a man of honor and integrity, who can safely be trusted with the control of all city improvements and

enterprises without being continually suspected of having a 'job' to feather his own nest, a man who can be trusted in private affairs and is known to be good for his word of honor every time, — a good, fair, and square representative of the intelligence and business of our honorable business people. We know him in a business way like a book, and a squarer and more honorable man does not exist." Dr. Lothrop married Mary E., the daughter of Joseph Morrill of Dover. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Methodist, and has been a teacher in the Sunday School for more than forty years.

DANIEL LOTHROP, son of Daniel and Sophia, was born in Rochester Aug. 11, 1831. As a boy he was studious and unusually successful in acquiring knowledge. He had a quick and retentive memory and a remarkable mathematical intuition. He had a natural taste for trade, and when only five years of age played the man of business, having the sign "D. Lothrop & Co." nailed on the door of his playhouse, little dreaming of the renown that coming years would bring to that very name. Fitted for college at the age of fourteen, his somewhat slender physique led his friends to advise him to remain out of college a year. His brother *James* at this time invited him to take his drug store at Dover, offering the firm name of his boyhood as an inducement. Here his knowledge of Latin was a great help, and from this time began his distinguished business career. To the varied experience gained in the several drug stores which he conducted, was now added that of a new business. In 1850 a large stock of books was purchased, and thus began the great book trade by which the firm is most extensively known. Enterprise, energy, sound judgment, and unwavering integrity characterized all his dealings from the first. In 1856 *Daniel Lothrop* visited the West. He decided to locate at St. Peter, in Minnesota. Here he established a banking house which proved a great success, his uncle, Jeremiah Horne, being the cashier, and a book and drug store in which he gave one of his former clerks an interest. The opening of his store at this place was an illustration of his characteristic energy in the execution of his plans. The early freezing of the Mississippi prevented the arrival of his goods at the time expected. Having contracted with the St. Peter Company to erect a building and open his store on the first of December, he went several hun-



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D. L. Lathrop



dred miles down the river to the various landings searching for his goods. Not finding them, he bought out the entire stock of a drug store at St. Paul, and with several large teams started for St. Peter. A fearful snow storm prolonged the trip of two days to five. Within a mile of their destination it was necessary to cross the Minnesota river on the ice, which was thought to be too thin to bear the heavy teams. Consequently they were all unloaded and the goods transported on light sledges, and *the drug store was opened on the very day agreed upon.* The financial crisis of 1857-58, together with an Indian raid, and the change of the capital from St. Peter to St. Paul, caused the failure of many firms which had represented millions. Great loss came to Mr. Lothrop, but he met every liability in full. On his annual business visit to New England, allowing himself no rest, he was prostrated with congestion of the lungs. A consultation of physicians gave no hope of his recovery. The celebrated Dr. Bowditch having been called, with no knowledge of his patient's history, said, on examination, "He has been doing twenty years' work in ten." He, however, gave encouragement, and under his treatment Mr. Lothrop so far recovered as to be able to take a trip to Florida, where the needed rest restored his health.

From this time his energies were more and more concentrated upon the book business, to which his mind had long been attracted. This must be regarded as really his life work. Into this he has put the matured forces of his manhood. For this work he was peculiarly fitted by natural abilities, by the foundation of a classical education giving him judgment and literary taste, by his business tact and energy, and a practical experience of the markets and the popular tastes. He entered upon this great work of a publishing house not hastily, but first laying carefully the foundations. His aim was not merely financial success, but with broader purpose to help mankind. At the start he laid down as a principle from which there should be no swerving, "*Never to publish a work purely sensational, no matter what chances of money it has in it, and to publish books that will make true, steadfast growth in right living.*" From this principle he has never departed. He has bent the energies of his mind to this one object, to put good wholesome literature into the hands of the people. Turning naturally to the young as those through whom he could best influence

society, his publications have been largely of Sunday school books. The Sunday school library was a channel through which he could reach the largest audiences of the young. The family and household library was another practical channel of paramount importance. In the spring of 1868 Mr. Lothrop selected three men, whose judgment he deemed worthy of trust, and laid before them his plans and purposes, — Rev. George T. Day, D. D., Prof. Heman Lincoln, D. D., and Rev. J. E. Rankin, D. D. While they frankly told him the undertaking was very difficult, his intentions met their cordial approval, and every book since published has been first read and approved by one or more of these men. Establishing his business on Cornhill, the first book published was "Andy Luttrell," which proved a great success. It was well said, "The series of which this is the initiatory volume marks a new era in Sunday school literature." To establish a new publishing house in competition with old and long-known firms, besides new ones ready to contest every inch of ground, required pluck and energy beyond that of most men; but Mr. Lothrop had no thought of failure. He began with a courage that could face the utmost, and a determination that had already won the battle. He had a remarkable instinct to discern real ability in a new writer, and great enthusiasm, which proved a stimulus and encouragement to timid beginners. He had a hopeful word for every applicant, and knew how to bring out the best of every one's talent. His before unprecedented offer of \$1,000 and \$500 prizes for manuscripts seemed a wild experiment to many; but it proved eminently successful. It would be a surprise to many to read a list of authors, now noted, who brought their first manuscripts to Mr. Lothrop with fear and trembling.

The great fire of 1872 brought him severe loss. A large quantity of paper intended for the first edition of the sixteen \$1,000 prize books was replaced within two weeks, when it was again lost by another fire; but a third lot was procured and the printing went on with but little delay. It was well remarked in the newspapers that "Mr. Lothrop seems *warmed* up to his work."

We cannot here attempt to give any impression of the number and variety of his publications in history, biography, and general literature. The names of the most distinguished authors are in his catalogue. Visiting Europe he made the acquaintance of

George MacDonald, who arranged with him that he should publish the manuscripts of his latest novels before they were issued in England. Thus Mr. Lothrop has published the entire series of his novels. The number of books printed in a single year is upwards of a million and a half. About 1885 "The Interstate Publishing Company" was incorporated in Illinois, with headquarters at Chicago, and a branch in Boston. The object is educational, especially to supply for schools first-class literature supplementary to regular school work. Of this company Mr. Lothrop is president, and to it he has transferred some of his best educational books.

One of his most important enterprises was the establishment in 1874 of the popular magazine for young people, "Wide Awake." After this came "Babyland," a marvel of attractive beauty for the little ones. Then followed "Our Little Men and Women," "The Pansy," for Sunday Schools, and "The Chautauqua Young Folks' Journal." All these are full of pure and noble thought, yielding great pleasure and amusement, with excellent instruction. They mark a most valuable new departure in the periodical world.

Hard, unflinching devotion to work, and determination to excel in all that is best, a steady perseverance through discouragement and loss, have brought him well-earned renown and success.

Daniel Lothrop's first wife was Ellen J., daughter of Joseph Morrill of Dover. She died in 1880 and he afterwards married Harriet Mulford, daughter of Sidney Mason Stone of New Haven, Conn. She is widely known and beloved under her pseudonym, "Margaret Sidney." The author of "Five Little Peppers" will always be a favorite. "The Pettibone Name," "A New Departure for Girls," and many other stories indicate the unusual versatility and attractive power of her genius. She has also written some fine poetry, and is justly ranked among the very best writers of juvenile literature. She is well known also for her interest and activity in all church and missionary work, and is a prominent contributor to "Life and Light."

The summer home of Daniel Lothrop is the well-known "Way-side," at Concord, Mass., forever fragrant with tender memories of the gentle Hawthorne, whose "study in the tower" is certainly a fitting workshop for "Margaret Sidney." It is worthy of mention that the first child born in this house within a century is

their little daughter, Margaret Lothrop. Here "host and hostess dispense a wide hospitality, for the genial, sunny nature, and warm, responsive friendliness of heart and manner, so marked in each, creates an atmosphere both attractive and wholesome, one that both the new friend and the old are glad to tarry in."

T O R R.

Vincent Torr came from England and settled in Dover, on the farm still owned by one of his descendants. His son *Simon* settled in Rochester in 1775 on the farm still owned by his grandson. A part of the house then built is still standing, and the same old clock which he brought is still in use there. He married Sarah Ham and had four daughters and three sons. The oldest son, *John*, became John Greenfield (p. 419). The youngest son, *Jonathan H.*, married Sally McDuffee, purchased the Jabez Dame store, where he carried on the dry goods business with Simon Chase and afterwards John McDuffee as partners. He subsequently traded in Dover and in Portsmouth, and then returned to Rochester, where he died Jan. 25, 1881, at the age of eighty-seven. He remembered being taken by his father and mother on horseback to Dover, and thence by boat to Portsmouth, to see General Washington, who smiled and patted his head. The second son, *Simon Torr, Jr.*, followed farming and tanning, as did his father before him. He married Betsey, daughter of Thomas Davis, and had four children: — *Charles* and *Simon A.*, both of whom died young; *John F.*; and *Sarah E.*, who married Lewis E. Hanson.

John F. Torr, whose portrait is here given, was born in Rochester April 8, 1829, and still occupies the old homestead. With very limited advantages for education, yet inheriting many of the qualities of his ancestors, he is highly respected for his energy, financial ability, and business success. He is a Republican in politics, and though never an office seeker has served the town as selectman. March 17, 1868, he married Mary C. Downes of Farmington. Their children are *Charles C.*, *Simon A.*, and *George A.*



John F. Torr



CHASE.

Rev. John Chase was a settled minister at Spruce Creek, Kittery, Me., and had four sons:—*Josiah*, *John*, *Thomas*, and *Bradstreet*. *Josiah* settled at York, Me., *Thomas* and *Bradstreet* remained on the old homestead, *John* married *Harriet Dennett* of Kittery and moved to Berwick, Me., which at that time was a wilderness. He had six sons and two daughters:—*Sally*, *Betsey*, *Thomas*, *John*, *Josiah*, *Simon*, *Mark*, and *Abraham*.

Thomas and *John* remained at home, *Josiah* settled at Limington, Me., *Mark* at Newfield, Me., and *Simon* at the age of thirteen was bound out to *Reuben Tabor*, a hatter, where he remained four years. He then went to Portsmouth and worked with a *Mr. Kelley* as a journeyman hatter. In the winter of 1805 he attended Berwick Academy, and in the spring of 1806 went to Rochester, being recommended to *Joseph Hanson* by *Joshua Meader*, and entered *Hanson's* store as a clerk, receiving ninety-six dollars the first year. He remained with *Mr. Hanson* four years, and in 1810 went into business for himself at Milton.

Simon Chase was born Sept. 30, 1786, and married *Sarah Wingate*, daughter of *Enoch Wingate* of Milton, Oct. 28, 1813. He removed to Rochester in 1822, and went into business in company with *Jonathan Torr*. In 1825 he bought *Torr's* interest in the business, and built a new brick store. The same year he bought the house on Central Square which was his home until his death, which occurred January 31, 1878. His wife died June 14, 1870. Together with *Charles Dennett* and *James C. Cole* he was instrumental in building the first Methodist Church in Rochester, of which he was an active member (p. 263). He had ten children:—*Betsey E.*, *Wingate*, *George W.*, *John D.*, *Mary Y.*, *Harriet L.*, *Charles K.*, *Sarah F.*, *Maria Josephine*, and one who died in infancy.

CHARLES K. CHASE was born in Rochester March 17, 1830. At the age of seventeen he left Warren Academy at Woburn, Mass., and entered his father's store as clerk, and at the end of four years bought the store and business. In April, 1855, he married *Ellen M. Burleigh*, youngest daughter of *John* and *Phebe Burleigh* of Sandwich. He had five children:—*Charles S.*, *Grace M. J.*, *Nellie*, *Jessie*, who died in infancy, and *Harry W.* Dec. 26, 1876,

he married Mrs. Abbie McD. Whitehouse, daughter of John McDuffee (p. 367), and had two children, Sarah McD., who died in childhood, and Maud H.

During the first year of the war he was elected one of the committee to pay out the funds due the families of soldiers who had enlisted in the service of the United States. He took a decided and unflinching stand for temperance, rumshops and rum drinking having increased to an alarming extent as one of the results of the war. He was appointed by the town one of a committee of five to prosecute all violations of the prohibitory law (p. 315). They were in a great measure successful in their work, having closed all the liquor saloons in town. The credit, however, was not due to the committee alone, but to the temperance part of the community, backed by the strong arm of the law and the sympathy of the court, especially Hon. Joshua G. Hall, county solicitor, and Judge Doe. They were threatened many times with violence, and Mr. Chase's store was damaged one Saturday night by being fired into with a gun in the hands of some person employed to do it. The shot went the entire length of the store, which did not take fire, as was probably the intention. A reward of two hundred dollars was offered by the selectmen of the town for the conviction of the person who did it, but without success. The friends of temperance made up the loss to Mr. Chase. At the call of the first State Temperance Convention Mr. Chase was present in sympathy with the movement. Believing in the ballot box as well as the law to suppress the evil, he voted with that party as long as he lived.

In August, 1878, the old brick store built by his father was fired by an incendiary and destroyed with its contents. The loss to Mr. Chase was very heavy, but he was not discouraged. As soon as possible the ruins were cleared away, and October 1, 1878, the foundation was laid for a fine new block. The work was pushed rapidly, and the new store was opened with a new stock of dry goods April 29, 1879.

Mr. Chase soon after retired from business with failing health, and died after a long illness, Feb. 13, 1887. As a trader he excelled in his fine taste in selecting goods, and was widely known for his honest dealing. Many of his customers could never be induced to trade elsewhere.

In politics he was originally a staunch Whig, casting his first



Charles K. Chase



vote for James Bell for governor, and while his father and brothers voted with the Free-soilers he continued to vote the Whig ticket till the advent of the Republican party, of which he became an active member. He served the town as clerk, and was elected to the Legislature.

He was a member of Humane Lodge of Masons, and also of the Royal Arch Chapter. He was for fifteen years an earnest and efficient member of the Methodist Church, to whom his death was a great loss.

PLACE.

John Place came from Devonshire, England, and settled in Newington, N. H., about 1688. About 1700 he removed to Rochester, and built a log house not far from the old burying ground on Haven's Hill, where he died at a great age. *Richard Place*, son of John, is supposed to have come from England with his father. He was a man of great strength and athletic proportions, weighing about two hundred and fifty pounds, and over six feet two inches in height. He was a terror to the Indians for miles around, and was much respected by his townsmen. He lived to the age of one hundred and five years. A daughter of Richard Place married Noah Thompson of Berwick, Me. *John Place*, son of Richard, settled on the Barrington road, where an old cellar can still be seen near the corner on the Roberts homestead where the old road from Rochester abruptly turns to the west. He was born about 1716, and died in his seventy-first year, leaving five children: — *David*, Samuel, John, Betty, and Susannah. Samuel went to Newburyport, Mass., and afterwards to Portsmouth, and served his country in the battle of Bunker Hill. John settled in the west part of Rochester, and the Rev. Enoch Place (p. 343), Noah, and Moses Place were among his descendants. Betty married Ephraim Ham, grandson of Eleazer, and lived on the old homestead near Gonic. Susannah married the Rev. Jeremiah Wise of Sanford, Me. *David Place*, known as captain, and afterwards colonel, served as captain in the Revolution (p. 59). He was born February, 1741, and married about 1762 his cousin Susannah, daughter of Noah Thompson of Berwick, Me. He settled on a farm of three hundred acres given him by his father, now known as the "Wentworth farm," on the north side of the old road from Gonic to

Norway Plains, and then including the "Chesley farm" on Hussey Hill. He died May, 1821, and was buried in the old graveyard just below Rochester village. On this farm his seven children were born and reared:—Mary, James, David, *Stephen*, Melitable, Elizabeth, and Isaac. Mary married Barnabas Palmer and removed to Athens, Me. James and David died at the ages of sixteen and six respectively. Melitable never married, but lived on the homestead with her brother Isaac. Elizabeth married a Mr. Evans and lived at Gonic. They had five children,—three daughters, and two sons, Rufus and John. The latter was in trade in Rochester for several years. Rufus settled in Macon, Georgia, and married and raised a family there. His posterity still reside there. Isaac, who was given the homestead by his father, Captain Place, married and raised a family of four sons and a daughter. His eldest son's name was David, who settled in Dover, and left two sons,—Delmore and Henry. The latter is now teller in the Franklin Savings Bank in Boston, Mass.

Stephen Place was born March 26, 1770, and married in 1799 Elizabeth Chesley, whose father, James Chesley, lived to over one hundred years of age. His father gave him the "Chesley farm," where his children were born. He afterwards built a house in Gonic, where he died April 9, 1858. He and his wife lie buried in the graveyard at Gonic. They had seven children:—Eliza F. married William S. Ricker of Rochester; Susan A. married N. V. Whitehouse (p. 355); *Charles*; James H. married Lydia A. Chesley of Rochester; Isaac married Abigail Willey of Durham; David married Caroline Crockett of Dover; and Mary Jane married Samuel J. Varney (p. 400). *Charles Place* married Maria G., daughter of James Willey of Durham, and had eight children, the third of whom,

JAMES FRANKLIN PLACE, was born at Gonic Jan. 16, 1837. Attending the village school at Gonic till fourteen years of age, he then removed with his father to Lawrence, Mass., where he completed a course of study in the Oliver High School. He then went to Boston and was employed four years in the grocery store of I. S. Trafton on Harvard street, in whose family he lived. Mr. Trafton was deacon in the Christian Church on Kneeland street, a member of the City Government, and a very prominent and active anti-slavery Republican. Young Place here received his strongest

political impressions, and as an editor years after made use with telling effect of many points remembered from the earnest political discussions in Trafton's store.

In 1860 Mr. Place returned to Lawrence and formed a co-partnership with C. A. Dockham in the publication of the "Daily Journal" of that city. This business venture lasted till just before he established the "Rochester Courier" in 1864 (p. 186). In the meantime he spent a year in the army in Louisiana, being assigned to clerical duty in the Brigade Quartermaster's Department of the Third Division under General Banks (p. 227). This position gave him special opportunities for his constant newspaper correspondence. While before Port Hudson he was captured by a raid of Confederate Cavalry, but was soon released. He was among the very first to enter Port Hudson after its surrender, and sent early details of the capture to his paper.

The "Rochester Courier," which he established on returning from the army, he soon placed on a paying basis, and took an independent and active part in local and State politics. In 1866 he was appointed postmaster at Rochester, but resigned in about a year, having purchased a half interest in the "Journal" at Biddeford, Me.

In 1868 Mr. Place removed to San Francisco, Cal., where he entered upon a career of great business prosperity, as a member of the firm of "Berry & Place," and afterwards of the house of "Treadwell & Co.," extensive dealers in machinery and agricultural implements. After fifteen years, his partners having died, he disposed of his business and returned to New York City, where he has since been engaged in superintending the manufacture and sale of machinery of his own invention.

While publishing the "Rochester Courier" Mr. Place married Miss Sara Potter, a graduate of the same school he attended, and daughter of George W. Potter. They have two children, a daughter Laura, born in Rochester Sept. 2, 1866, and a son Clarence, born in Oakland, California, Nov. 2, 1872. Two other children, Ethel, the second child, aged three and a half years, and the youngest, an infant girl, lie buried in "Mountain View" Cemetery at Oakland.

Mr. Place is a Republican of the old school, and intensely American in all his views,—a cardinal principle of his being never to

buy anything not made in his own country; a believer in a strong federal government, — a Nation, and a State subordinate thereto; a tariff for protection *only*, a one-term presidency, and an educated ballot. He still frequently contributes to the press, but close application to his private business prevents his taking that prominent part in public affairs for which he is eminently qualified.

OSMAN B. WARREN.

OSMAN B. WARREN is the present quartermaster of Sampson Post, G. A. R. He was born in Rochester, Sept. 15, 1845. His parents were James and Lydia Warren. His father was well known as a Methodist minister, both in this section and in Maine. As soon as Mr. Warren became old enough he attended the public schools, where he remained until 1860. He then went to work for George Johnson & Co., one of the first of Rochester's shoe firms, who then manufactured in Dodge's building, at the lower end of the village. He afterwards left this firm and went into the employ of E. G. & E. Wallace, the well-known shoe manufacturers, where he remained until August 1, 1862, when he enlisted as a private for three years in the Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Concord, August 11. He left the State August 25th and arrived in Washington the 27th. The regiment encamped on the estate of General Lee, which is situated on Arlington Heights, on the Virginia side of the Potomac river. September 1st the Ninth Regiment was assigned to the First Brigade, Second Division, Ninth Army Corps. September 14, 1862, Mr. Warren took part in the battle of South Mountain, Md., and on the 17th in the terrible slaughter at Antietam. Later on he was in two skirmishes, once at Wheatland and once at White Sulphur Springs, Virginia. He participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862. In March, 1863, he went down the Potomac to Fortress Monroe and camped at Newport News, on the James river. From there the regiment was ordered to Covington, Ky. Then they went down on the Kentucky Central Railroad to Lexington and Nicholasville, and drove the famous rebel general, John Morgan, and his raiders from the State of Kentucky. In June, 1863, the Ninth Corps was ordered to re-enforce General Grant at Vicksburg. They landed at Haines's Bluff, twelve miles

in the rear of Vicksburg, facing that part of the Confederate army commanded by General Johnson. Mr. Warren was present at the surrender of Vicksburg July 3, 1863. The Union army then followed Johnson to Big Black river, where a battle took place in which Mr. Warren participated, and he was also present in the battle of Jackson, Miss. In the middle of July they were again ordered to Kentucky, and from thence to Eastern Tennessee for the purpose of relieving General Burnside. At Knoxville Mr. Warren was promoted to orderly sergeant. In the spring of 1864 they were ordered to join General Grant's command at Washington. On May 5th and 6th they took part in the terrible battle of the Wilderness, one of the fiercest of the war, in which thirty thousand men were sacrificed. In this battle they were on the left of the line under command of General Burnside. On May 12, 1864, at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, Mr. Warren was taken prisoner in a charge upon the enemy's intrenchments. He was marched from the battlefield to Gordonsville, Va., where he took the cars to Lynchburg, and from thence he was taken to Danville, Va. At the last named place he, in company with twelve hundred prisoners, was confined in an old tobacco warehouse until May 24. He was taken to Andersonville, Ga., the worst prison pen of ancient or modern times, a name to be remembered throughout all time with the utmost horror. The sufferings he endured during these long months, and saw others endure, are too horrible to relate. Here he remained until the latter part of September, when he was taken to Charleston, S. C., and, in company with other Union prisoners, was confined in the city under fire of the guns from Morris Island. He was kept at Charleston until the latter part of October, when he was removed to the famous Florence prison, South Carolina, remaining here until February, 1865, when he was sent into the Union lines at Wilmington, N. C., under parole. Mr. Warren was then sent to parole camp, Annapolis, Md. Here he was furloughed and sent home in the latter part of March, 1865. He was discharged from the United States service at Concord, N. H., in June, 1865, and came home with a war record which few men are able to excel.

Mr. Warren was a charter member of Sampson Post No. 22, and was its first quartermaster. He has been commander three terms. He was a delegate from the Department encampment to

the National encampment when it met at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1881. He was elected representative to the Legislature from this town in 1875 and 1876. He served on the committee on military affairs. He was appointed postmaster of Rochester by President Hayes March 25, 1878, and was reappointed by President Arthur March 31, 1882. In this position he served faithfully until Sept. 1, 1886, when, under the administration of President Cleveland, he was ordered to "step down and out."

Mr. Warren is a member of Kennedy Lodge No. 57, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to Norway Plains Encampment. He has filled the principal chairs in both orders. He is Master of Humane Lodge No. 21, of Masons, and is also a member of Temple Royal Arch Chapter. He is now proprietor of Warren's Rochester, Dover & Boston Express. Mr. Warren has always been one of the old standbys of Sampson Post, and has long been active in the different orders which have been named.

CLERGYMEN.

The following lists of professional men and college graduates, though necessarily incomplete, are intended to include not only natives of Rochester but those also who for any considerable period resided in Rochester. For pastors see the history of the several churches.

DANIEL WENTWORTH was born at Rochester in 1783; was admitted to the New England Conference in 1809; ordained elder in the M. E. Church by Bishops Asbury and McKendree at Salem, Conn., June 27, 1813; served on various appointments in Maine; and died at Skowhegan, Me., Oct. 20, 1869. He married, in 1814, Elizabeth Holt of Hampden, Me., who died April 7, 1887.

JOHN WALKER, son of Robert, was born at Rochester in 1785; began preaching about 1806, and labored in Alton, Tuftonborough, and neighboring towns for more than twenty years. In 1827 he was ordained by several Free Will Baptist elders at Ossipee, where he was pastor from 1833 till his death, June 1, 1870. He married Betsey Piper in 1807 and Betsey Healey in 1820.

ENOCH PLACE. (p. 343.)

JOHN MEADER married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Huldah (Case) Hoag of Charlotte, Vt. (p. 258.)

LUKE WALDRON was born at Rochester in 1799; ordained in 1837; preached in Sanford, Me., and vicinity from 1837 to 1840, when he became pastor of the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Providence, R. I. He afterwards became a Methodist, and died at Newport, R. I., Jan. 10, 1858.

JESSE MEADER, son of Lemuel and Mary (Kimball) Meader, was born in Rochester Dec. 12, 1802; was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister at Barnstead, May, 1830; labored in Candia and various parts of New Hampshire and Maine till 1858, when he retired to Dover, where he died July 11, 1881. He married Hannah D. York, Oct. 8, 1832.

JOHN C. HOLMES, son of Joshua and Polly (Carter) Holmes, was born in Rochester Oct. 1, 1804; ordained a Free Will Baptist evangelist at Hiram, Me., Dec. 24, 1840; labored in that vicinity several years, when he removed to Wakefield, and preached in many New Hampshire towns during the remainder of his life. Revivals followed his labors in many places. He died at Nottingham, Sept. 13, 1866, and his wife, Hannah F., died there May 23, the following year.

HIRAM HOLMES, brother of the preceding, was born in Rochester, Oct. 3, 1806; ordained at Strafford Feb. 8, 1831; preached in various parts of New Hampshire; was clerk of Wolfeborough Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting four years; was delegate to three general conferences; married Susanna, daughter of Josiah and Lydia (Newton) Brown of Weare, Oct. 19, 1837; and died at Bradford, May 1, 1863.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DAME, son of Jabez and Elizabeth Hanson (Cushing) Dame, was born in Rochester July 27, 1812; graduated at Hampden Sidney College, 1829, where he remained as tutor and professor till 1840, when he took charge of the Female Academy at Danville, Va. He entered the Medical School and received a diploma, but never practiced. Through his agency an Episcopal Church was organized in Camden Parish, of which he has been rector since 1840, having been ordained as deacon by Bishop R. C. Moore, Jan. 15, 1840, and as priest, Aug. 10, 1841. He was superintendent of schools for Pittsylvania county, Va., 1870-82. He married, July 22, 1835, Mary Maria, daughter of Maj. Carter and Lucy (Nelson) Page of Cumberland county, Va.

JOHN HANSON TWOMBLY, son of Tobias and Lois (Wentworth)

Twombly, was born in Rochester July 19, 1814; was a member of Dartmouth College in 1839-40; graduated at Wesleyan University, 1843; was teacher in Wilbraham Academy three years; was ordained elder in the M. E. Church April 9, 1848; has been stationed in many of the larger places of Massachusetts; is now (1888) at Brookline, Mass.; was president of Wisconsin State University, 1871-74; chaplain of Massachusetts House of Representatives, 1857-58; superintendent of schools at Charlestown, Mass., 1866-69; received the degree of D. D. from Wesleyan University in 1871; married Betsey, daughter of Rev. John G. and Betsey (Lane) Dow of Montpelier, Vt., Nov. 26, 1844.

CHARLES MUNGER, son of Rev. Philip and Zipporah Munger, was born in Rochester Oct. 29, 1818. After studying several years at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary he was admitted to the Maine M. E. Conference in 1841; was ordained elder by Bishop Janes, at Portland, Me., July 20, 1845; has served on various appointments from 1841; is now (1888) stationed at Cornish, Me. He visited England in 1848; has twice been delegate to the General Conference; and received the honorary degree of A. M. from Bowdoin College in 1868. He married, Aug. 8, 1841, Celia J. Anderson of Fayette, Me., who died July 1, 1885.

ELIHU HAYES LEGRO. (p. 223.)

GEORGE S. WENTWORTH, son of Luther, was born at Milton in 1836. While preparing for college he enlisted in the service of his country (p. 232). Was in every battle in which his regiment engaged, and refused a pension. After the war he entered Wesleyan University, where he graduated in 1871; was admitted to the New Hampshire Conference in 1873; was ordained elder in the M. E. Church by Bishop Peck, at Dover, in 1877. After filling several appointments in New Hampshire, he located in 1880; graduated from the Boston School of Oratory June, 1888; and stumped New York State in the presidential campaign of that year in behalf of a protective tariff.

EDWIN S. CHASE, son of William and Harriet Chase, was born in Rochester November, 1838. He is very earnest and enthusiastic in the work of the ministry, and has been instrumental in the establishment of several Methodist churches. (p. 274.)

HERBERT MORTON SCRUTON, son of Hiram W. and Rachel (Roberts) Scruton, was born in Rochester Oct. 17, 1846; graduated at

Andover Theological Seminary, 1878; was ordained an evangelist in the Congregational Church at Deansville, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1878; was acting pastor there for two years, and at Copenhagen, N. Y., from 1880 till his death, March 14, 1883. He married, Feb. 26, 1877, Susie A., daughter of Francis and Elizabeth A. Turner of Stoneham, Mass.

SAMUEL HENRY ANDERSON, eldest son of James and Laura A. Anderson, was born in Rochester April 26, 1847; graduated from Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1866; engaged with his father in manufacturing for a time; having fitted for college, attended the University of Rochester, N. Y., about two years; graduated from Rochester Theological Seminary May 17, 1876; was ordained at Fairfax, Vt., Feb. 28, 1877, and in the following month became pastor of the Baptist Church in East Washington, N. H., where he remained two years. He was subsequently pastor or acting pastor of churches in Middlebury, Montgomery, and East Hardwick, Vt. In 1882 he left the pastorate with somewhat impaired health, and is now residing in Newport, Vt., occasionally supplying churches in the vicinity. He married, June 18, 1877, Miss Josephine Stacy Goodwin, born in North Berwick, Me., April 22, 1858, daughter of Daniel L. and Elizabeth A. Stacy, and adopted daughter of Samuel and Sarah A. Goodwin. Their children are *Gertrude Laura*, born at East Washington, April 30, 1878, and *Ethel Daisy*, born in Craftsbury, Vt., March 24, 1883.

ARTHUR DORMAN KIMBALL, son of Joseph P. and Lucy M. Kimball, was born in Marlborough, Mass., Jan. 31, 1862. His parents died when he was an infant, and he was adopted by his great-uncle, Dr. Dorman (who had adopted and brought up his mother and her two sisters), with whom he removed to Rochester about 1865. He graduated from Tufts Divinity School in 1885, and during that summer supplied the pulpit of the Universalist Church at Marlow, where he died Aug. 13, 1885.

PHYSICIANS.

In the earliest days the ministers were usually the physicians also, and the people seem to have been well satisfied with their medical skill. (p. 85.)

SAMUEL MERROW, son of Henry, was born in Reading, Mass., Oct. 9, 1670; was a practicing physician at Oyster River Parish,

now Durham, in 1720; removed to Rochester about 1734, where he died about 1740.

JAMES JACKSON in 1768 inserted in the "New Hampshire Gazette" the first business advertisement from this town, as follows:—

"The Public is hereby informed that James Jackson, Physician, late of Connecticut, now of Rochester, in this Province, has for a number of Years with great Success, and Ease to the Patient, Killed and drawn out Wens, tho' ever so large, and Cancers, by the Use of a Plaister. Also cures Persons of the Colic &c. &c. Any Person inclining to apply to him in Season, may doubtless have relief."

This Dr. Jackson asked the town to give him a house lot behind the meeting house to encourage his remaining, but they refused. So he turned his back on their "wens and cancers" and returned to Connecticut.

JAMES HOWE. (p. 121.)

SAMUEL PRAY was born at South Berwick, Me., July 3, 1769; studied medicine with Dr. Jacob Kittredge of Dover three years, and settled in practice at Rochester September, 1792, where he died in 1854. He was one of the original members of the Strafford County Medical Society in 1811, of which he was secretary for several years; was elected Fellow of the New Hampshire Medical Society in 1816; in 1821 an honorary member of the Dartmouth College Medical Society. In 1797 he married Frances B. Farnham of Boston, Mass., who died in 1847, leaving six children.

JACOB MAINE, son of Josiah, and grandson of Rev. Amos Main (p. 83), was born in Rochester; graduated from Harvard College in 1800; studied medicine with Dr. Ammi R. Cutter of Portsmouth, whose daughter, Sarah Ann, he married; began practice in Dover in 1803, where he kept an apothecary store; died at Dover in 1807.

TIMOTHY FARRAR PRESTON, son of Dr. John and Rebecca (Farrar) Preston, was born at New Ipswich June 2, 1780. He had ten brothers and sisters, among them a twin brother. He was named for his uncle, Judge Timothy Farrar of the Supreme bench, who lived to his 102d year. Dr. Preston probably studied medicine with his father, practiced in various places, and came to Rochester in 1807. After a short stay he returned to New Ipswich, where he died Dec. 4, 1857.

JOHN PERKINS was a native of Jaffrey; studied medicine at Haverhill, Mass.; came to Rochester in 1807, and after eight years

returned to Jaffrey. He married Susanna Kelley of Methuen, Mass., and died in Slatersville, R. I., leaving a son, Roderick R. Perkins, M. D., and two daughters.

JAMES FARRINGTON 1st. (p. 345.)

ASA PERKINS, son of William, was born in Dover April 5, 1793; read medicine with Dr. Jabez Dow of Dover; began practice in Rochester in 1816; returned to Dover in 1818; relinquished practice in 1830 on account of poor health, and died in Dover May 3, 1850. He was a Fellow of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and a member of the Strafford County Medical Society.

SAMUEL PRAY, JR., was born in Rochester March 4, 1799, and died there Aug. 18, 1874.

MOSES R. WARREN was born at Alton in 1804. While securing his education he had to struggle through hardships common to boys of New Hampshire farms. Attending medical lectures at Dartmouth and Bowdoin, he graduated at the latter in 1832, and soon after settled in practice at Middleton. In 1851 he removed to Wolfeborough, and after ten years came to Rochester, where he remained in active practice for the rest of his life. He was a member of the Strafford County Medical Society and maintained a lively interest in its meetings. "No man in his sphere of life had more or truer friends than Dr. Warren. He was a man of sterling worth and integrity, appreciated not only as a good physician, but as a society man interested in everything that would make the community better." Dr. Warren married Hannah Scates, a teacher of some note, and died in Rochester June 26, 1881, leaving two children, *Susan M.* and *John Sidney*. The latter graduated at Dartmouth College in 1862, also at Jefferson Medical College in 1866. He stands high in his profession in New York City, where he has regular hospital work, in addition to a good general practice.

JOSEPH HAVEN SMITH. (p. 379.)

CALVIN CUTTER, son of John and Mary (Bachelder) Cutter, was born in Jaffrey May 1, 1807; studied medicine with Dr. Nehemiah Cutter of Pepperell, Mass.; attended lectures at Bowdoin, Harvard, and Dartmouth Medical Colleges; received his degree from the latter in 1832, and immediately began practice in Rochester. The next year he went to New York University, where he became the private pupil of Dr. Valentine Mott. After practicing a few years at Nashua, he pursued his studies still further with Dr. McClellan of

Philadelphia. After a few years' practice in Dover, he began lecturing on physiology for about twelve years in all parts of the United States. In 1847 he published a text-book on physiology, which was extensively used in public schools in this and other countries. He became prominent in the Kansas struggle, emigrating thither with a coffin filled with rifles. In 1861 he became surgeon of the Twenty-first Massachusetts Regiment, and afterwards brigade surgeon of the Ninth Army Corps; was wounded at Bull Run and at Fredericksburg. "He was a man of enterprise and skill, who delighted in a life of well-doing." While at Nashua he became personally responsible for building a house of worship for the Baptist Church, of which he was a member, and was thereby reduced to poverty. He married, first, in 1834, Caroline, daughter of Nathan and Ruth (Waterman) Hall of Milford, a woman of "beautiful character," who died in 1842, aged thirty-three. He wrote a very remarkable epitaph, still to be seen in the old cemetery at Milford, stating that she was "murdered" by the church to which she belonged in Nashua. They had two children: *Eliza* died in infancy; *Caroline Eliza*, born July 29, 1842, died March 24, 1862, while accompanying her father on the Burnside expedition to North Carolina,—"young, talented, cultured, patriotic." Dr. Cutter married, second, Dec. 10, 1843, Eunice N., daughter of Chester and Eunice (Hadkell) Powers of Warren, Mass., and had *John Clarence*, born July 10, 1851, a physician highly distinguished for his services to the Empire of Japan, receiving from the Mikado the "Fourth Order of the Rising Sun," and for his revised edition of his father's *Physiologies*; and *Walter Powers*, born April 28, 1857, died Aug. 1, 1871. He died at Warren, Mass., June 20, 1872.

THEODORE WELLS was a practicing physician in Rochester in 1832-33.

——— TURNER, a physician from Massachusetts, came to Rochester in 1832, and remained about a year.

ALFRED UPHAM. (p. 328.)

ALBERT GALLATIN UPHAM. (p. 328.)

TIMOTHY UPHAM. (p. 328.)

JOHN M. BERRY advertised in March, 1836, that he had *again* taken an office at Rochester with Dr. A. Upham. In the latter part of 1837 he was a dentist at Dover, and in January, 1838, advertised particular attention to spinal curvature, with use of machinery, etc.

ENOCH C. DOW was born in Wakefield in 1813; read medicine with Dr. Jeremiah F. Hall of Wolfeborough; attended seven courses of medical lectures at Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Philadelphia, and Harvard; came to Rochester in 1859; and was United States examining surgeon for Strafford county during the war. His second wife was Lucy Tebbets of Rochester. Dr. Dow was one of the old type of "family physicians" who by years of sympathetic practice in the same families, presiding over the advent of the younger generations, and the departure of the old, won his way into many hearts, and was the confidential friend of his employers. At his death, in 1876, many tears were shed, and his place was hard to fill.

PAUL AUGUSTINE STACKPOLE was born in Rochester Feb. 12, 1814; graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1842; settled in Dover; has been president of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and also of the Strafford District Medical Society; is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. He was a delegate from the New Hampshire Medical Society to examine the graduating class of Dartmouth Medical School in 1858, and to deliver the address to the same; served on the Dover school board for several years; was also an editor of the "State Press," and a member of the New Hampshire Press Association. He married, July 9, 1845, Elizabeth Hills, of Haverhill, Mass.

JOHN W. PRAY, son of Dr. Samuel Pray (p. 440), was born in Rochester, August, 1814; studied medicine with his father; attended lectures at Dartmouth, and began practice at Barrington in 1840. In 1843 he returned to Rochester, where he was in partnership with his father for eleven years. He removed to Alexandria in 1861, but afterwards returned to East Rochester, where he died April, 1871. He married Lizzie, daughter of Stephen Mathes, and had four children.

JEREMIAH CAVERNO GARLAND, son of Nathaniel, was born at Strafford Sept. 23, 1814. Studied medicine with Drs. Kittredge of Newmarket, Haynes, Chadbourn, and Buck of Concord. Attended two courses of medical lectures at Dartmouth Medical College and College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, graduating from the latter in 1844; commenced the practice of medicine at Rochester in August, 1844, and remained there over five years. Was at Nashua six and a half years; at Plymouth six years, and again in Nashua

since 1868; is a member of the Northern District and New Hampshire Medical Societies, having been president of the former society; has been examining surgeon for pensions, city physician of Nashua, assistant surgeon United States army, councilman, alderman, and member of board of health of Nashua. He married Harriet C. Woodman of Rochester, Dec. 5, 1849, and had five children:— *Celia Turner, Willard Parker, George Lincoln, Theodore Woodman, and Claudius Webster.*

RUFUS K. PEARL was born in Farmington Feb. 6, 1815; attended lectures at Bowdoin and Dartmouth, and studied medicine with Dr. Wright of Gilmanton. In 1840 he began practice at Rochester, but left his profession on account of ill health and went into trade in this village, where he died.

JEREMIAH HORNE, JR., was born in Rochester Jan. 29, 1816; read medicine with Dr. Richard Russell of Great Falls, and Dr. Winslow Lewis of Boston, Mass.; graduated from Bowdoin Medical College in 1840; began practice in Lowell, Mass.; removed to Dover in 1846, where he has been alderman, member of the State Legislature, and city physician for many years; is a member of the Massachusetts and the New Hampshire Medical Societies, and of the Strafford District Medical Society; is now at Melrose, Mass.

JASPER HAZEN YORK. (p. 402.)

RICHARD RUSSELL resided in Concord a short time prior to 1824; was in practice at Rochester about 1841–44, but spent most of his life in Wakefield and Great Falls, and died at the latter place May 22, 1855, aged about seventy.

ISAAC W. LOUGEE. (p. 406.)

HIRAM GOVE was the first homeopathic physician in Rochester, about 1846. He removed about 1862, and was afterwards in Salem, Lynn, and East Boston, Mass.

EBENEZER JENNESS followed Dr. Gove as the second homeopathic physician in Rochester. He went from here to Great Falls.

CHARLES TRAFTON came to Rochester from Newfield, Me., and after a short but successful practice died of diphtheria in 1877.

THOMAS J. SWEATT, of French ancestry, was born in that part of Gilmanton which is now Belmont, in 1819. He was remarkably studious as a boy, and grew up highly respected. Having fitted for college at Gilmanton Academy, he entered Dartmouth in 1840, where he remained two years. He studied medicine with Dr. Enos

Hoyt of Northfield, whose daughter he married, and commenced practice in Canterbury, but after a few years removed to Sandwich, where he became second to no man in his profession in Carroll county. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, a leader of the Free-Soil party in his section of the State, and in all respects a man of great influence. A man of strong faith in the gospel, his prayers accompanied his medicines, and he filled the pulpit of the Free Will Baptist Church at Effingham very creditably for six months. His home was the abode of peace and plenty, where people of culture and refinement delighted to spend an evening in congenial society. He was always dignified, though mirthful, and of a sanguine temperament, which made him a favorite with all classes. One morning bidding his usual good-by to his wife and little son, he went to visit a patient. He returned to look on the bloody form of his lovely boy, shot dead by a half-foolish street vagrant. From that sad hour a great change passed over him. His friends feared the loss of reason. He lost his hopeful, joyous nature, and became subject to fits of the deepest melancholy. Under this blow he began to indulge in drink, till the habit gained complete mastery over him, and he was never more than a wreck of his former self. His wife having died, he remarried, and came to Rochester in 1872. He at once secured a large practice, and ranked high in his profession. He died in Rochester Jan. 11, 1884, leaving a widow and several children.

ABNER HAM, son of Benjamin of Farmington, N. H., was born in 1821; graduated in 1844 from Bowdoin College; graduated in 1847 from the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York; settled in practice in Rochester, where he was for a time in partnership with Dr. Farrington, 2d; removed to Dover in 1854, practicing there three or four years; moved to Cambridge, Mass., where he died in 1866. He was a member of the Strafford District Medical Society, and a Fellow of the New Hampshire Medical Society.

JAMES FARRINGTON, 2D. (p. 346.)

EDWIN FOLSOM HURD, son of Joseph D., obtained his medical education in Boston, Mass., and settled in Gilmanton, where he died in 1856, "greatly lamented."

GEORGE O. SMITH, brother of Jacob D. Smith, was a physician at Gonic for a year or two about 1861; went West and died there.

JAMES E. LOTHROP. (p. 421.)

BETTON W. SARGENT was born at Thornton Jan. 3, 1827. His father, Jacob Sargent, was a prominent Democrat of much influence in that part of the State. Dr. Sargent's mother died when he was ten years of age, and his father soon after lost his property. Left mainly to his own exertions he obtained his education by persistent, self-denying industry. From the age of nineteen to twenty-three he pursued his studies at the academy in Franklin, at the same time studying medicine with Dr. Knight of that place. He attended lectures at Woodstock, Vt., and at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he received his degree. Having settled in practice at Barnstead, he married, Sept. 16, 1852, Mary, daughter of Dr. James Farrington of Rochester. In 1854 he came to Rochester and practiced with his father-in-law about four years. In the early part of the war he was in St. Louis, Mo., where he enlisted in the Twentieth Missouri Regiment, and served with distinction as medical director on the staff of Gen. Lorenzo Thomas, with whom he was a special favorite. After the war he was for two years engaged in raising cotton in Mississippi. About 1866 he resumed his profession in Rochester, where he died July 21, 1880, having a high reputation for professional ability among his associates in the Strafford Medical Society, of which he was for a time president.

WILLIAM H. PAGE, son of Benjamin and Huldah, was born in Rochester May 28, 1827, attended Phillips Exeter Academy, and graduated at Harvard Medical School in 1853. After a year's hospital experience in Boston, he spent several years in medical studies abroad. He was a volunteer surgeon in the War of the Rebellion, and was taken prisoner. After the war he returned to Boston, where he was for a time city physician. In 1881 he went to Los Vegas, N. M., for his health, where he was president of the New Mexico Medical Society. His health still failing, he removed to Los Angeles, Cal., in 1885, where he died August 22, 1888, leaving five children. His wife was Nancy Jenkins of Boston, who died in 1869. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, and of nearly every medical and scientific society in Boston.

DAVID FOSS practiced homeopathy at Gonic about two years, removing to Newburyport, Mass., in the summer of 1866.

JAMES BONAPARTE FARRINGTON, son of Dr. James Farrington,

the elder (p. 345), was born at Rochester, in 1831; graduated at Bowdoin College in 1854, and from Rush Medical College at Chicago in 1862; enlisted as a private in a Wisconsin regiment, and afterwards served as assistant surgeon. He practiced medicine at Jefferson, Wis., and Santa Rita, Cal., where he died March 23, 1883.

S. E. Root was born at Royalston, Vt., Oct. 1, 1834; graduated at Hillsdale College, Mich., where he received the degree of A. M., in 1872; was in the army of the Cumberland a year and a half at the close of the war; graduated from the Medical College at Burlington, Vt., in 1875; studied for a time at Harvard; settled in practice at Saccarappa, Me., in 1876; removed to Lewiston, Me., in 1880, and to Rochester in 1885.

HENRY RUST PARKER, son of John Tappan Parker, was born at Wolfeborough Jan. 24, 1836; studied with Dr. Pattee of Manchester and Dr. King of Wolfeborough; graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1865; practiced in Wolfeborough several years, and came from there to Rochester in April, 1880, where he was in partnership with Dr. Farrington for about a year, when he removed to Dover; is a member of the Strafford County Medical Society; married in 1866 Ella M. Thompson, and has several children.

ARTHUR C. NEWELL, son of William H., was born at Barnstead in 1839; entered Dartmouth College in 1860, where he remained two years; studied medicine with Dr. John Wheeler of Barnstead, and attended lectures at Hanover. He enlisted as a private in the Eleventh New Hampshire Regiment; was employed principally on detached service in the medical department for two years, when he was appointed medical cadet in the regular army; was assistant surgeon in the Eighteenth Ohio Regiment for about a year, during which time he attended medical lectures at Cincinnati; was afterwards post surgeon at headquarters of the department of Georgia and Florida. Having been with the army about four years, and his health being somewhat impaired, he settled in practice at Gonic in September, 1866, married Jennie Hayes of that place, and removed to Farmington in July, 1869; went West and died there.

CHARLES BLAZO was born in Parsonsfield, Me., August 3, 1842; attended lectures at Dartmouth, Long Island, and Bowdoin Medical College, where he graduated in 1871; settled in practice at East Rochester; removed to Rochester Village in 1882; was representative to the Legislature in 1877-78-79.

ALONZO STUART WALLACE, son of David, Jr., and Margaret, was born at Bristol, Me., Feb. 17, 1847; commenced the study of medicine in 1870, with Dr. S. H. Durgin and Prof. C. P. Frost; attended two courses of medical lectures at Bowdoin and Dartmouth Medical Colleges, graduating from the latter June 24, 1874; commenced the practice of medicine in the Northampton Lunatic Asylum in 1874, remaining six months; he was then appointed assistant port physician of Boston, and in September, 1875, port physician, retaining that position until April, 1879, when he entered into private practice in Brookline, N. H.; removed to Rochester in 1888; is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and of the Congregational Church. He married Mary F. Maynard of Lowell, Mass., Nov. 2, 1876, and has three children: — *Arthur Lowell*, *Edith Maynard*, and *Edna June*.

FRANK PIERCE VIRGIN was born at Rumford, Me., Oct. 15, 1850; graduated from Bowdoin College in 1875; received medical degree from Detroit Medical College; settled in practice at Rochester in 1877; removed to Weymouth, Mass., in 1888; married Carrie Caverly, and has *Harry L.* and *Charles Lester*.

EUGENE FRENCH GAGE, son of Thomas U., was born at Bedford, Dec. 15, 1850; studied with Dr. Currier of Nashua; attended lectures at Bowdoin and Dartmouth Medical Colleges, and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City; settled in practice at Rochester, and died in Nashua, March 20, 1885.

JOHN SHERMAN DANIELS, son of Albert H., was born at Barrington, Oct. 12, 1851; studied medicine with Dr. George W. Jenks of Woodstock, R. I.; attended medical lectures at Harvard and Long Island Medical College, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he graduated June 25, 1875; settled in practice at Barrington, where he was superintendent of schools and representative to the Legislature; removed to Rochester in 1885; is a member of the Strafford District Medical Society, an officer in Humane Lodge and Temple Chapter, F. & A. M.; was the first Sachem of Runnaawitt Tribe of Red Men, and is Great Senior Sagamore of the Great Council of New Hampshire.

FRANK EUGENE WHITNEY, son of Nathan, was born at Westminister, Mass., June 9, 1853; graduated from Dartmouth College in 1878; studied medicine with Dr. I. G. Anthoine of Antrim; at-

tended one course of lectures at Dartmouth Medical College, and two at the University of New York, where he graduated in March, 1881; settled in practice at Rochester, where he has been town physician four years. He is a Chapter Mason, and member of the Congregational Church. Married Grace M. Chase Nov. 27, 1883.

EDWIN THOMAS HUBBARD, son of Thomas L., was born at Hiram, Me., Jan. 13, 1854; studied medicine with Drs. W. H. Smith and B. B. Foster; attended four courses of medical lectures at the University of Michigan; graduated from Dartmouth Medical College Oct. 30, 1877; commenced the practice of medicine January 17, 1878, at Madison, N. H., remaining there six months; practiced in Tamworth, N. H., eighteen months, then returned to Madison, but soon after located in Rochester. In 1886 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Health to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Carl H. Horsch.

STEPHEN YOUNG was born in Strafford Oct. 22, 1854; entered Dartmouth College in 1875; entered Medical department in 1877; studied medicine with Drs. Sargent and Gage; after two courses of lectures at Dartmouth entered Long Island College Hospital and received degree there in June, 1881; settled in practice at East Rochester; is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. He married March 1, 1882, Fannie F. Stoddard.

HERBERT YOUNG, son of John F., was born in Rochester; graduated from Bates College in 1876; is a practicing physician in Amesbury, Massachusetts.

FRED GUSTAVUS COFFIN, son of William P., was born at Deering, Me., Nov. 3, 1855; studied medicine with Dr. Charles A. Cochran; graduated from the Medical Department of Boston University March 6, 1878; practiced two years at West Waterville, Me.; removed to Gonic in 1880, and to Great Falls in 1882.

FREDERICK E. WILCOX, son of Chester P., was born at Pomfret, Conn., May 11, 1860; graduated from the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital March 1, 1884; married March 26, 1884, Etta M. Kelley of Putnam, Conn., and located at once in Rochester, where he remained till November, 1888.

STEPHEN W. FORD, son of Stephen, was born in Boston, Mass., Dec. 19, 1864; graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1888; began practice in company with Dr. Wallace January 1, 1889.

ROBERT V. SWEET was born at Port Byron, N. Y., April 25, 1865; graduated from Cornell University in 1885; was principal of Rose High School for one year; graduated from New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1888; settled in partnership with Dr. Wilcox, who left him the practice in November, 1888.

L A W Y E R S . *

JOSEPH CLARK, son of Simeon and Lydia (Mosely) Clark, was born at Columbia, Conn., March 9, 1759; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1785; studied law with John Sullivan, Esq., of Durham; began practice at Rochester in 1788; returned to his native town about 1813, and afterwards removed to East Hartford, Conn., where he died Dec. 21, 1828. He married Anna H. Burleigh of Newmarket, and left daughters. He served in the Revolution, was taken prisoner and carried to Halifax and to England. He delivered a Fourth of July oration at Rochester in 1794, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1798 and 1801.

THOMAS BANCROFT, son of Dea. Nathaniel and Mary (Taylor) Bancroft, was born at Lynnfield, Mass., Nov. 14, 1765; graduated at Harvard College 1788; began practice at Rochester about 1794; after a year or two removed to Salem, Mass., where he was master of a grammar school; was afterwards clerk of court, then supercargo on ship Hercules. He married Elizabeth Ives of Beverly, Mass., and died at Canton, China, Nov. 15, 1807, leaving two children.

MOSES LEAVITT NEAL, son of John, was born at Hampton in 1767; entered Dartmouth College at the age of fourteen, and after two years went to Harvard, where he graduated 1785; studied law with John Prentiss, Esq., of Londonderry; was admitted to the bar in 1793; practiced at Londonderry about three years; removed to Rochester about 1796, and to Dover in 1806. He was clerk of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1809, and was re-elected seventeen times; was register of deeds in Strafford county from 1816 till his death. He married, first, Ruth, the daughter of John Prentiss, about 1793, and, second, Sarah Furbush about 1820, and died Nov. 25, 1829, leaving a large family of children. He was a man of pleasing manners, a

* The material for these sketches has been mostly furnished by Henry Kimball, Esq.

finished scholar, rather unobtrusive and easy-going, but firm to his principles and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

JOSEPH TILTON was born at East Kingston August, 1774; graduated at Harvard College 1797; studied law with Hon. Jeremiah Smith of Exeter; commenced practice at Wakefield soon after 1800; removed to Rochester about 1805; in 1809 returned to Exeter, which town he represented in the Legislature from 1815 to 1823. He married a daughter of Col. Samuel Folsom of Exeter, and died March 28, 1856, leaving no family. "A good office lawyer, of good judgment."

JOHN PARKER HALE, son of Samuel, was born at Portsmouth Feb. 19, 1775. With only a common school education he studied law with his kinsman, John Hale, Esq., and was admitted to the bar 1796 or 1797. After practicing a year or two in Portsmouth and a short time in Barrington, he came to Rochester about 1801. He married Lydia Clarkson, only child of William O'Brien of Machias, Me., and died at Rochester Oct. 15, 1819, leaving thirteen children, among whom was the Hon. John P. Hale of Dover (p. 381). Mr. Hale was short, thick, with ruddy countenance, quick of apprehension, affable in manners, and popular with his townsmen.

RICHARD KIMBALL, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Horne) Kimball, was born at North Berwick, Me., March 1, 1798; fitted at Phillips Exeter Academy and entered Harvard College, but without completing the academic course there, began the study of law with Hon. Asa Freeman of Dover in 1824. After attending the law schools of Cambridge and Northampton, he was admitted to Strafford County Bar in February, 1829, and settled in practice at Great Falls. In 1836 he removed to Rochester, where, after being for a short time agent of the Mechanics' Manufacturing Company, he resumed the practice of law. In 1848 he removed to Dover, where he added farming to his legal pursuits, retiring from business about 1874. He was elected representative from Somersworth in 1833, but did not take his seat, probably because it was decided that the town was not entitled to a second representative. He represented Rochester in the Legislatures of 1846 and 1847. He was judge of the police court in Dover from 1857 to 1868. He was the first editor of the "Enquirer" for four months in 1828, and was for many years a member of the Dover school board. He

married, first, Oct. 4, 1832, Margaret Jane Pendexter of Dover; second, November, 1843, Elizabeth Hale of Rochester; third, Nov. 23, 1846, Elizabeth White Hale of Portland, Me., and died at Dover, March 2, 1881, leaving five children.

Mr. Kimball was a thorough student, a conscientious and earnest seeker after truth. He was a social, companionable man, of strong attachments; a reverent Christian believer, and an untiring student of the Bible.

WILLIAM GORDON WEBSTER, son of William and Sarah (Gordon) Webster, was born at Plymouth Aug. 20, 1800; graduated at Dartmouth College 1822; read law with Samuel Fletcher of Concord; settled in practice at Rochester in 1827; removed to New Hampton about 1830, and afterwards to East Concord. He married June 8, 1829, Susan, daughter of Stephen Ambrose of Concord, and died at Plymouth June 14, 1839.

JOHN HARVEY SMITH, son of John and Betsey Smith, was born at Rochester about 1802; after a common school education read law with Judge Jeremiah H. Woodman of Rochester, and Hon. James Bartlett of Dover. He was admitted to the bar in February, 1824; commenced practice at Center Harbor; soon went to Conway; from there returned to Rochester about 1827; and in 1837 removed to Dover. He represented Rochester in the Legislatures of 1832-34; was clerk of court for Strafford county from 1841 till his death. He died unmarried, having been killed in a railroad accident at Meredith Bridge, Oct. 7, 1852. "He was a man of noble and generous heart, incapable of a mean or dishonorable action."

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS KIMBALL, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Horne) Kimball, was born at Shapleigh, Me., Sept. 12, 1813; educated at Exeter Academy mainly by his own exertions; studied law with his brother, Hon. Increase S. Kimball of Lebanon, Me., and Hon. Daniel M. Christie of Dover; was admitted to the York County Bar September, 1839; began practice at Milton Mills; removed to Sandwich in 1842, and to Rochester in 1847, where he still resides; sold his practice to C. K. Sanborn in 1854, and has since been engaged in farming, occasionally teaching the village school; served eighteen years as superintending school committee. He married Oct. 24, 1841, Nancy H. Nutter, and has had three children: — *John W.*, *Elizabeth H.* died unmarried, and *Mary E.*, now

Mrs. John F. Springfield, who graduated from the academical course of Boston University in 1879.

CYRUS K. SANBORN was born at Brookfield, Mass., in 1818; after a common school education he studied law with Josiah H. Hobbs; graduated from the Cambridge Law School; was bank commissioner in 1860-61; representative to the Legislature in 1867-68; was director and president of Rochester Savings Bank, and colonel in the militia. In 1851 he married Sarah, daughter of Josiah H. Hobbs, who died leaving three children. In 1881 he married the widow of Dr. Sargent (p. 446), and died at Rochester Oct. 11, 1886. He was a kind friend and neighbor, always public-spirited and ready to sacrifice time and money to further the interests of the town. He joined the Congregational Church a short time before his death.

SANBORN BLAKE CARTER, son of Daniel and Betsey Brown (Blake) Carter, was born in Rochester Feb. 20, 1819; after attending the academy at Alfred, Me., he read law with Hon. John T. Paine of Sanford, Me., and Hon. Charles W. Woodman of Dover; was admitted to York County Bar May, 1841; and settled in practice at Ossipee. He was a prominent man, and highly esteemed, as is shown by the positions he held. He represented Ossipee in the Legislature in 1850-51-69-70; was delegate to the Constitutional Conventions of 1850 and 1876; was solicitor for Carroll county from 1846 to 1851; register of probate from 1851 to 1856; register of deeds from 1873 till his death; county school commissioner from 1850 to 1854; was town clerk for several years; was moderator of town meetings for twelve or fifteen years; was postmaster eight or twelve years. He died at Ossipee July 8, 1881, and was buried under Masonic honors. His practice was extensive, especially before the probate court, and as solicitor of pensions and bounty claims. He was one of five who established the Episcopal Church at Dover.

HENRY TROWBRIDGE WISWELL, son of Thomas and Sarah (Trowbridge) Wiswell, was born at Exeter April 26, 1820; graduated at Yale College in 1847; studied law with Hon. Daniel M. Christie; was admitted to the bar January, 1850; began practice in Rochester with William A. Kimball; after about nine months he removed to Dover, where he was city clerk from 1856 to 1864, and city solicitor from 1857 to 1862. He then removed to Wash-

ington, D. C., as paymaster's clerk, where he has since resided. He married, first, Nov. 28, 1850, Lucretia Perkins of Dover, who died leaving a son; second, Mrs. Elizabeth Garland (Ayer) Clapp of Washington, who has two daughters.

DANIEL JACOB PARSONS, son of Josiah and Judith (Badger) Parsons, was born at Gilmanton April 15, 1821; after attending Gilmanton Academy he read law with Hon. Ira H. Eastman of that place; was admitted to the bar about 1842; commenced practice in Rochester the next year; has served the town many years on the school board, and as representative to the Legislature in 1850; married, 1852, Ella Greenfield of Rochester. Since August, 1887, he has been disabled by paralysis.

ELIJAH MARTIN HUSSEY, son of Col. Jonathan, was born at Rochester in 1826; graduated from Dartmouth College in 1852; was principal of Lebanon Academy, Me.; was a lawyer in New York City, where he died January, 1887; married Fannie Woodward of Hanover.

JOSEPH HILLIARD WORCESTER, son of Isaac and Julia (Hilliard) Worcester, was born at Milton Dec. 31, 1830; fitted at Pembroke Academy, and entered the class of '54 in Brown University, but left on account of ill health in the middle of his Senior year. After teaching several years he began studying law with C. K. Sanborn in 1861; was admitted to Strafford County Bar in 1864; commenced practice at once in Rochester, and in 1871 formed a partnership with C. B. Gafney, Esq., which still has a successful and extensive business. Mr. Worcester was for ten years a member of the school board; judge of the Rochester police court from March, 1869, to May, 1875; town clerk in 1865 and 1866; and for some ten months postmaster, commencing April, 1867. "No better-read lawyer practices at Strafford Bar."

KINGMAN FOGG PAGE, son of Benjamin and Huldah, was born at Rochester Oct. 10, 1831; graduated from Bowdoin College in 1853; read law with Caleb Cushing, in Washington, D. C.; was appointed solicitor in the department of the interior by President Pierce. After 1869 he went to New York, where he became a prominent member of the "County Democracy." He married Grace Marshall of Washington, D. C., and died in New York April 22, 1885.

GEORGE LAFAYETTE HAYES, son of Watson and Joanna (Winkley) Hayes, was born in Barnstead Dec. 5, 1831; came with his parents

to Rochester when he was about three years old; graduated at Bowdoin College in 1851; was private tutor in the family of Hon. James F. Robinson at Georgetown, Ky.; then professor of mathematics in Russellville, Ky., where he also read law, and was admitted to the bar a few weeks before his death, which occurred July 23, 1854. He was a fine scholar, of excellent character, beloved by all who knew him.

HIRAM MOORE SANBORN, son of Solomon and Lepha Sanborn, was born in Tamworth April 11, 1833. He managed to secure an education by working on the farm summers and teaching winters, and entered Dartmouth College in the class of 1859, but did not graduate. After leaving college he taught the High School in Rochester, studying law at the same time in the office of C. K. Sanborn. Having nearly finished his law studies he taught school one year at Hoboken, N. Y. He then accepted the principalship of a grammar school in New York City at a salary of three thousand dollars, and retained the position till his death. He meanwhile continued his law studies, graduating from Columbia Law School about 1873. His residence was in Jersey City, where he was a member of the board of education. He was a devoted and successful teacher, securing thorough discipline by moral rather than physical force. He died at Tamworth Aug. 8, 1877, leaving one son, J. L. Sanborn, M. D., of New Marlboro', Mass.

HENRY KIMBALL, son of Daniel Smith and Lovey (Wilson) Kimball, was born at Shapleigh, Me., Dec. 14, 1833; graduated at Bowdoin College 1863; studied law with Hon. Increase S. Kimball of Sanford, Me.; was admitted to York County Bar June, 1866; has been in practice at Rochester since 1869; has been connected with the supervision of the public schools of Rochester for more than fifteen years. (pp. 169, 170.)

CHARLES BENJAMIN GAFNEY, son of John and Sarah (Abbott) Gafney, was born at Ossipee Sept. 17, 1843. His parents died when he was but four years of age, but by the advice and assistance of his guardian, Sanborn B. Carter, Esq., of Ossipee, he obtained his education at the academies at Sandwich, and at Lebanon, Me. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion Sept. 27, 1862; was promoted from second to first Lieutenant June 1, 1863; was wounded severely at Petersburg, Va., June 15, 1864; promoted to

Captain May 30, 1865; served as aid to Generals Ripley, McCullom, and Roulston, and was mustered out at close of war.

He read law with his guardian and Hon. Charles W. Woodman of Dover, and graduated in 1868 from the Law School at Columbia College, Washington, D. C., where he was clerk to the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs for eight years. He was a special friend of Hon. J. H. Ela, and came to Rochester in 1871, forming a partnership with Joseph H. Worcester, Esq., and has since been actively engaged in his profession. He married, first, Mary Ellen Grant of Ossipee, and, second, Ida A. Peavey of Farmington.

NOAH TEBBETS, son of Noah and Mary Esther (Woodman) Tebbets (p. 352), was born at Rochester Sept. 11, 1844. After leaving the public schools of Rochester he attended the seminary at Tilton; read law at the Harvard Law School, and with Hon. George C. Peavey of Strafford, and Hon. Charles W. Woodman of Dover; was admitted to the bar in 1867, and began practice at Rochester; removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1871, where he has an extensive practice. He married Oct. 27, 1869, Emeline F. Whipple, daughter of Orrin and Emeline Whipple, a direct descendant of the celebrated Governor Winslow.

In 1870 Mr. Tebbets was appointed Bank Commissioner of the State of New Hampshire, and was a member of the Republican State Committee for three years. He was Master of Humane Lodge, F. & A. M., at Rochester in 1871. For his military record see p. 231.

GEORGE EDWARD COCHRANE, son of Alfred E. and Clarinda (Parker) Cochrane, was born in New Boston March 30, 1846; after attending the New London Academy, he read law with Cross & Burnham at Manchester; was admitted to the bar September, 1876; practiced at Farmington from 1877 to 1882, since which he has been in successful practice at Rochester. He served on the school board in New Boston and in Farmington; represented New Boston in the Legislatures of 1875 and 1876, and Farmington in 1881, when he was his party's candidate for speaker; was a candidate for State senator in 1882. He married Dec. 29, 1880, Ella L., daughter of William Hayes of Farmington.

CHARLES SUMNER ELA, son of Hon. J. H. and Abigail Ela, was born at Rochester May 2, 1853; obtained his education in the

public schools of Rochester; read law with Worcester & Gafney; was admitted to the bar in 1875; practiced in Rochester till 1882; was judge of Rochester police court from 1876 till his death in Denver, Col., Oct. 21, 1883. He was a young man of much promise (p. 410).

FREMONT GOODWIN, son of Josiah and Love C. Goodwin, was born at Alton May 19, 1856; after a common school education he studied law with Col. Thomas Cogswell of Gilmanton; was admitted to the bar March, 1883; practiced in Rochester till June, 1887, and has since been in the lumber business. He married, Oct. 8, 1884, Bertie E. Trask of Milton.

SAMUEL DEMERRITT FELKER, son of William H. and Deborah A. (Demerritt) Felker, was born at Rochester April 16, 1859; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1882; read law with Hon. Joshua G. Hall of Dover; graduated from Boston University Law School, 1887; admitted to bar same year in New Hampshire and in Massachusetts; delegate from Rochester to the Constitutional Convention of 1889.

EDWARD FORD was the son of John and Johannah (Broderick) Ford; studied law with Fred S. Hutchins of Exeter; admitted to the bar at Concord March, 1886; practiced a few months in Rochester, also in Exeter, and is now engaged in law and insurance business in Chicago, Ill.

ELMER JOSEPH SMART, son of John and Amanda M. (Jackson) Smart, was born at Freedom Sept. 4, 1862; after graduating from the Newmarket High School, he studied law with Hon. Albert G. Ambrose of Augusta, Me., and with Worcester & Gafney; was admitted to the bar July, 1887; has since practiced successfully in Rochester; was two years on the school board at Freedom, and was chosen town clerk at Rochester in 1888; taught thirty-three terms of common and high schools with great success. He married, Aug. 28, 1885, Gertie M. Heath of Conway.

COLLEGE GRADUATES.

JOSEPH CLARK, Dartmouth, 1785 (p. 450).

MOSES L. NEAL, Harvard, 1785 (p. 450).

THOMAS BANCROFT, Harvard, 1788 (p. 450).

JOSEPH TILTON, Harvard, 1797 (p. 451).

JACOB MAINE, Harvard, 1800 (p. 440).

FRANKLIN McDUFFEE, third son of Capt. John and Abigail (Torr) McDuffee, was born at Rochester Feb. 21, 1809. His early years gave tokens of superior talents, and hopes of an eminent future. From the war stories of his great-uncle, Colonel McDuffee (p. 117), he early imbibed a spirit of military patriotism, and after studious preparation eagerly sought an appointment in the military academy at West Point. The first year he was the twenty-sixth in scholarship in a class of seventy, and forty-ninth in conduct in a list of two hundred and nine. The last year he stood eleventh in scholarship in a class of forty-nine, and thirty-second in conduct in a list of two hundred and eleven. He graduated in June, 1832, and was commissioned Lieutenant of Artillery. He was just about returning home after an absence of two years, when he volunteered to join an expedition under General Scott to defend the Western frontier against the Indians. He reached Fort Chicago, where he died of cholera July 15, 1832. A friend wrote:—"I have never marked the development of such estimable qualities in one so young. His life, short as it was, was filled with noble actions, and his personal courage was above all suspicion. He combined in a high degree the excellences of the warrior with the amiable qualities of the most ardent lover of peace. Had he been permitted to live he would have been an ornament to his country, and have encircled his head with the laurels of fame."

DAVID BARKER, JR., Harvard, 1815 (p. 350).

JONATHAN P. CUSHING, Dartmouth, 1817 (p. 347).

THOMAS C. UPHAM, Dartmouth, 1818 (p. 324).

NATHANIEL G. UPHAM, Dartmouth, 1820 (p. 328).

NOAH TEBBETS, Bowdoin, 1822 (p. 456).

WILLIAM G. WEBSTER, Dartmouth, 1822 (p. 452).

JOHN P. HALE, Bowdoin, 1827 (p. 381).

CHARLES W. WOODMAN, Dartmouth, 1829 (p. 333).

GEORGE W. DAME, Hampden Sidney, 1829 (p. 437).

THEODORE C. WOODMAN, Dartmouth, 1835 (p. 334).

JARVIS McDUFFEE was a poor boy who with some assistance managed to graduate at Yale College in 1836. He was appointed teacher of mathematics on United States frigate Brandywine, and, after a three years' cruise, returned and settled in Exeter.

JOHN H. TWOMBLY, Wesleyan, 1843 (p. 437).

THEODORE TEBBETS, Harvard, 1851 (p. 354).

GEORGE L. HAYES, Bowdoin, 1851 (p. 454).

ELIJAH M. HUSSEY, Dartmouth, 1852 (p. 454).

FRANKLIN McDUFFEE, Dartmouth, 1853 (p. 373).

KINGMAN F. PAGE, Bowdoin, 1853 (p. 454).

JAMES B. FARRINGTON, Bowdoin, 1854 (p. 446).

S. E. ROOT, Hillsdale, about 1857 (p. 447).

JOHN SIDNEY WARREN, Dartmouth, 1862 (p. 441).

HENRY KIMBALL, Bowdoin, 1863 (p. 455).

CHARLES EDWARD LANE, son of Winthrop, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1866, a short time before his father removed from Brentwood to Rochester. He was a teacher in Rochester and elsewhere for several years; was for some time superintendent of public schools in St. Louis, Mo.; is now general manager in that city for D. Appleton & Co.

JOHN HENRY WARDWELL, Dartmouth, 1870 (pp. 175, 232).

GEORGE S. WENTWORTH, Wesleyan, 1871 (p. 438).

FRANK P. VIRGIN, Bowdoin, 1875 (p. 448).

HERBERT YOUNG, Bates, 1876 (p. 449).

ALBERT WALLACE, son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Greenfield) Wallace, was born at Rochester June 6, 1854; graduated from Dartmouth College in 1877; is in business with his father at Rochester; married Rosalie K. Burr, who died Sept. 23, 1888, leaving an infant son.

SUMNER WALLACE, brother of the preceding, was born at Rochester March 7, 1856; graduated with his brother, with whom he is in business; married Hattie L. Curtis of Farmington.

FRANK EUGENE WHITNEY, Dartmouth, 1878 (p. 448).

WALTER SIDNEY MEADER, son of Levi, graduated from Brown University in 1880; is principal and teacher of mathematics in Friends' School at Providence, R. I.

R. V. SWEET, Cornell, 1880 (p. 450).

SAMUEL D. FELKER, Dartmouth, 1882 (p. 457).

HENRY WILSON FELKER, brother of the preceding, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1883.

CHARLES SHERMAN FELKER, brother of the preceding, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1884.

JOHN F. SPRINGFIELD, son of George W., graduated from Dartmouth College in 1884, and from the Thayer School of Civil Engineering in 1886; is a civil engineer at Portsmouth; married Mary Emily Kimball (p. 452).

WALTER STEPHEN SCRUTON, son of Stephen, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1887; is principal of the high school at Hillsborough Bridge.

SYDNEY E. JUNKINS, son of Edwin, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1887; is principal of high school at Newport; married Harriette, daughter of Dr. William Page.

FOREST LINCOLN KEAY, son of Frank, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1888.

WILLIAM WHEELER LOUGEE, son of Dr. I. W. (p. 444), graduated from Dartmouth College in 1888; is managing editor of the "Rochester Courier."

FRED ALLEN WALKER, son of James, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1888.

JOHN R. McDUFFEE, Chandler Scientific Department of Dartmouth College, 1857 (p. 377).

GEORGE BYRON LANE, son of Winthrop, graduated from the Chandler Scientific Department of Dartmouth College in 1867; was a teacher and superintendent of schools in St. Louis, Mo.; is now State superintendent of schools in Nebraska. While in college served nine months in the Thirteenth New Hampshire Regiment.

JOHN B. HODGDON, son of George W., graduated from the Chandler Scientific Department of Dartmouth College in 1885; is civil engineer at Big Stone Gap, Va.

GEORGE ALBERT SANBORN, son of Nathan, graduated from the Agricultural College at Hanover in 1887.

Nelson Edwin Baker Morrill, son of Jedidiah, is in class of '89 at Dartmouth College.

Herbert Davis, son of Rev. J. B., is in class of '90 at Bates College.

Willis McDuffee (p. 374), is in class of '90 at Dartmouth College.

George Sherman Mills, son of Rev. George A., is in class of '90 at Dartmouth College.

Edson J. Gould, son of William and Susan E. Gould, is in class of '91 at Harvard University; studied several years at Tilton Seminary, and has already preached considerable in the M. E. churches.

John Abbott, son of J. J. and Mary (Hall) Abbott, is in class of '91 at Dartmouth College.

William Wright, son of Wylie, is in class of '91 at Dartmouth College.

F. L. Pugsley, son of Frank, is in class of '91 at Bates College.

Everett Pugsley, brother of preceding, is in class of '91 at Bowdoin College.

Wilbur L. Duntley, son of J. Leighton and Augusta (Kimball) Duntley, is in class of '92 at Dartmouth College.

Alex D. Salinger, son of Isidor and Ida (Feineman) Salinger, is in class of '92 at Dartmouth College.

Leon Elmonte Scruton, son of Stephen, is in class of '90 of the Chandler Scientific Department of Dartmouth College.

Ephraim H. White, son of Samuel, was born in Topsham, Vt., and came to Rochester about 1836. By alternating labor with study he fitted at Exeter, and entered Williams College in the Sophomore year of the class of 1848, and died there Nov. 20, 1846, aged twenty-six years.

Joseph H. Worcester was in class of '54, Brown (p. 454).

Hiram Moore Sanborn was in class of '59, Dartmouth (p. 455).

John Harrison Roberts, son of Love, was in class of '63 at Bowdoin (p. 228).

John Greenfield was one year at Dartmouth College in class of '72 (p. 420).

Herbert Clarence Swasey, son of Joseph P., entered Dartmouth College in class of '79 and remained one year; is in the jewelry business in Boston, Mass.

William Page Hastings, son of William N. and Mary (Page) Hastings, was about two years in the class of '87 at Dartmouth College; was a printer; died at Rochester July 22, 1888.

Benn Abbott, son of J. J. and Mary (Hall) Abbott, was born March 5, 1867; entered Dartmouth College in class of '89; died at Rochester April 9, 1888. He was a young man of unusual promise whose death was much lamented.

Charles Henry Evans, son of Solomon, was two years in class of '74 of the Chandler Scientific Department of Dartmouth College; resides in California.

John Edgar McDuffee (p. 373) was two years in class of '83 of the Chandler Scientific Department of Dartmouth College.

John Frank Sleeper, son of Wesley, was two years in class of '88 of the Chandler Scientific Department of Dartmouth College; is on a ranch in Colorado.

CHAPTER XV.

BUSINESS OF ROCHESTER.

"Freedom, hand in hand with Labor,
Walketh strong and brave."

NEXT to religion and education, the most important part of the history of any people is their industry. Nor can there be any true religion without diligence in business; nor can children be properly educated without labor. Religion, education, and industry form a trinity of light and power bringing character, happiness, and prosperity wherever they abide. The three must go together or they all perish. For without the other two, religion becomes superstition, education is reduced to a cipher, and industry turns to drudgery. Together they bring to any people unceasing progress in all that exalts or blesses humanity. Having already presented the religious and educational history of Rochester we come to speak more particularly of its industries.

As "the king himself is served by the field," agriculture lies at the foundation of all industries. So, like other New Hampshire towns, Rochester was at first almost entirely a farming community. And though this industry has lost its relative importance, it has by no means become obsolete. The number of acres of improved land is not far from twenty thousand. Combining the United States census with the tax list, and taking the larger number in each case, the farm products for the year 1850 were as follows:—328 horses, 2,098 neat cattle, 1,491 sheep, 586 hogs, 123 bushels of wheat, 303 of barley, 757 of rye, 3,086 of oats, 13,789 of Indian corn, 661 of beans and pease, 31,652 of potatoes, 4,335 tons of hay, 2,700 pounds of hops, 49,591 of butter, 21,860 of cheese, 4,359 of wool, and 385 of beeswax and honey. The State report for 1876 gives 421 bushels of wheat, 330 of barley, 55 of rye, 776 of oats, 7,959 of Indian corn, 533 of beans and pease, 44,371 of potatoes, 3,192 tons of hay, 13,581 pounds

of butter, and 161,092 quarts of milk. In 1881 are reported 646 horses, 1,423 neat cattle, and 522 sheep. In 1888 there were 1,400½ pounds of wool, and 171,550 quarts of milk. These figures evidently suggest the gradual decay of the farming interest. The bleak hill-sides and stony soil of New England cannot successfully compete with the fertile prairies of the West. The increasing number of horses and the diminishing quantity of butter, point to village growth demanding more teams and a larger supply of milk.

Other industries sprang up as the growing necessities of the people required. At first they supplied their own wants with many things now produced only by special trades. Thus farmers often did their own carpenter work, and had sets of cooper's or shoemaker's tools, and not unfrequently tan-yards of their own, besides making nearly all their own clothing. (Chap. VIII.) Almost every kind of industry has been here represented at some time, and it is now impossible to even approximate a complete record of the persons by whom, and the places where, the various business of Rochester has been carried on. Only a desultory sketch can be presented. It would be difficult to trace the history of any kind of business through all its changes from its beginning to the present time. With brief allusions to the past, and an outline sketch, or condensed summary of the present, the aim of this chapter will be to give some impression, though necessarily inadequate, of the gradual evolution of the business of Rochester.

A previous chapter has already presented a statement of the business soon after the Revolution. Some idea of the business twenty years later can be gathered from the tax-list of 1806. The whole amount of "Stock in Trade" for that year was:—Nathaniel Upham, \$1,500; Joseph Hanson, and Jonas C. March, \$1,300 each; David Barker, and Jabez Dame, \$500 each; Andrew Pierce, and Haines & Ela, \$300 each; Edward S. Moulton, \$200; and Joseph Sherburne, \$50; making in all, \$5,950. Six tanneries were taxed, the three highest of which were Moses Hale's at \$650, Simon Torr's at \$200, and Anthony Whitehouse's at \$50. Norway Plains upper saw-mill was taxed for \$2,400; and McDuffee & Dame's fulling mill, Haven & Smith's grist mill, and Downing & Tebbets's grist mill, \$200 each. Capt. John Odiorne was taxed as a saddler, and William Pigeon as a tobacconist.

This amount of business seems very small and the figures insignificant in presence of the immense sums now invested in trade and manufactures. But they were not small in those days. Nor were these men less enterprising than the traders and manufacturers of to-day. They were the shrewd, energetic, successful men of their time.

Coming down to 1820, we have a sketch of the west side of the street, written by Jeremiah Hall Woodman (p. 334), a short time before his death in 1888, from which we take the following items: On the corner of Main street and the Parade, was a store connected with the house, both two stories in height, belonging to William Hurd. Next on the north was the blacksmith's shop and dwelling of Samuel Demeritt, then the two-story house of Hatevil Knight. Not far from Mr. Knight's was the two-story tailor shop and house of John Roberts. A large vacant lot, on which the academy was afterwards built, was between this and the one-story house of Simon Ross, in close proximity to which was the residence of John Smith, the blacksmith. This was the home of Professor Upham during his pastorate here (p. 240). Next came the two-story brick cabinet-shop of Charles Dennett, with a yard between it and his house, which was also two stories in height and painted white, as were nearly all Rochester houses at that period. On the next lot was a one-story, unpainted house occupied by Paul Harford and his two daughters, Abigail and Charlotte (p. 129). Next stood the village schoolhouse, a long, low, one-story, unpainted building, with a small belfry, and bell of corresponding size, on the middle (p. 165). A vacant lot, soon after built upon by Joseph Warren, led to J. H. Woodman's, now the Mansion House (p. 333). A broad passage-way was between this and the law office, which was a two-roomed, one-story building fronting the street. Next was a building of which the lower story was Mr. Buzzell's store, and the upper his dwelling. James C. Cole's brick store was next, in the lower part of which he manufactured clocks, repaired watches, and sold jewelry. Passing down the lane to the "old Reed Tavern," was the house of Mr. Cole, and farther down the lane on the other side the dwelling of John Richards, afterwards the home of Hon. J. H. Ela. Returning to Main street and passing the stores of Nathaniel Upham and Jonas C. March, at the corner of the tavern

yard stood the store of Messrs. Horne & Cross. The next building was a small storehouse of Moses Hale, from which one lane on the south led to his tanyard, and another by his barn to his house, between which and the street was his garden. Close to his house was the road leading down to the grist-mill and woolen factory of the Barkers, at the lower falls. At the middle falls was a small foundry owned by Horne & Cross; also a saw-mill. At the upper falls Caleb Dame had a fulling mill, and above the bridge was another saw-mill. Opposite the lane leading to the Wakefield road was a two-story, unpainted house owned, but not occupied, by Caleb Dame; also the blacksmith shop of James Tebbetts. The traders on the opposite side of the street were Hanson, Greenfield, Chase, and Chapman, all near Central Square, and Tristram Heard with his son, Nat, at the lower end of the street. Jonathan H. Torr went into trade the same year (p. 428). On this side also was the "Barker Tavern," and the residence of the Barker family. The ancient one-story "Moses Hurd house," still standing at the lower end of the street, was the residence of "Lawyer Clark."

Passing over thirty years, or one generation, we come to the year 1850. The tax list gives \$49,600 "Stock in Trade," and \$26,070 for "Mills and Machinery." In general trade there still remained Hanson, Chase, Torr, and Greenfield who sold the same year to Benjamin Jones & Co. James C. Cole was still in the jewelry business. There had been added the stores of Watson Hayes, Nathaniel Davis, the company of Stephen M. & Eben J. Mathes, and the Barkers who sold the same year to John Folsom. In the shoe trade were Levi W. Allen, and Joseph Varney & Co.; Alfred D. Kelley and Meader & Glidden were in the tin business. Onion & Richards, also Edmund Frye and George W. Hall had tanneries near where Wallace's now is. Thomas C. Davis was taxed as a tailor, and Thomas Brown as a harness maker. There were two blacksmiths and two shoemakers. Day & Stevens had a small marble shop; James M. Fessenden manufactured files; and Isaac Libbey made hair-covered trunks, studded with brass nails, in a little shop towards Great Falls. Under the head of "Mills and Machinery," the Barkers were taxed for \$2,600, Simon & Enoch W. Chase for \$1,700, N. D. Wetmore for \$3,000, and the Norway Plains Co. for \$12,000, with \$15,000 "Stock in Trade."

At Gonic, W. H. Y. Burnham had a store, James H. Place was blacksmith, Bean, Canney & Co. had a small factory where they did custom carding, weaving, and fulling. N. V. Whitehouse & Co. were taxed for \$5,000 on "Mills and Machinery," and \$4,000 on "Stock in Trade."

The business at East Rochester was little besides the chair shop of Stephen Shorey and the store from which he supplied his workmen with dry goods and groceries.

From about this time may be reckoned the exit of the old "country store," where every conceivable commodity was ready to supply family or individual needs. Very early on the ground, it is now impossible to trace its rise and progress to the numerous successors in every variety of trade which now imperfectly supply its place. The first store is said to have been kept by Capt. Samuel Storer (p. 131) from Portsmouth, who also made potash where Hale's tan-yard was. Capt. Moses Roberts, son of the first settler (p. 43) and grandfather of Dr. M. R. Warren (p. 441), had one of the earliest stores, where the "Factory Store" now is. Stephen Wentworth had a store in a shed connected with the "Wolfe Tavern" on Haven hill. Joseph Hanson traded in his house which stood near where the Norway Plains Savings Bank now is. His first stock was tea, tobacco, a few small articles like pins and needles, and a barrel of rum, of which he sold enough to his first customer to buy another barrel. In 1810 he built the first brick store in the county (p. 394). Upham and March built their rival stores at the beginning of the century, and about this time Andrew Pierce had the largest assortment of dry goods in town, in a store on the site of John P. Trickey's present residence. The second brick store was built by Simon Chase in 1825, and afterwards occupied by his son, C. K. Chase (p. 429). The third brick store, now occupied by the "Rochester Loan and Banking Company," was built in 1835 by Watson Hayes, who came from Barnstead the year before and continued in business here for thirty-five years.

The present generation knows almost nothing of the "country store" in its pristine perfection. The institution has ceased to exist. Even the general store of the small country town to-day bears small resemblance to that of fifty and seventy-five years ago. To elderly persons the words "country store" suggest a low, narrow

room, with cob-webbed windows, whose 6×8 panes are dark with many layers of dust,—floors blackened with years of the industrious painting of tobacco chewers lounging on boxes, barrels, tubs, broken chairs, and wooden benches notched and carved by the universal Yankee jack-knife,—imbibing inspiration and comfort out of yellow tumblers supplied from black bottles and brown jugs,—the air sometimes thick with smoke, but generally thicker with profanity, stories of no doubtful propriety, angry political debates, spicy gossip, etc. These stores have really no legitimate successors. To speak of them as containing even the germ of the large and elegant establishments of the present, demands more credulity than Darwin's "Descent of Man." Look, for instance, at the dry goods store built by the Salingers in 1886,—a sales-room 155×45 feet, steam-heated, gas-lighted, furnished with all the modern contrivances for transmitting bundles and cash to all parts of the room,—with ladies' parlor, and offices elegantly fitted up with all desirable and luxurious conveniences,—a wholesale department with traveling salesman,—a mail-order department with special clerk,—and a cemented cellar under the whole, with a special vault for storing furs through the summer. "The missing link" would certainly be hard to find.

Groceries in the old stores meant cod-fish, molasses, raisins, sugar, and New England rum. As habits of living changed, and the wants of the public increased, these supplies increased in quantity and variety till separate grocery stores were established, some now selling \$50,000 or \$60,000 worth of goods annually,—an extent of business that would have greatly startled even the wealthiest and most successful of the old-time merchants.

One enterprise is worthy of notice as illustrating the intensity of political feeling a generation since. In February, 1859, a stock company was formed with Major John Walker as president, who built the "Union Democratic Store," now occupied by Frank E. Wallace. The preamble to their articles of agreement began with these words:—"Whereas the Republican party has adopted a narrow and restrictive policy," etc. William Rand was their agent, and Charles W. Brown clerk for two years; then Brown was agent, and Nathaniel Burnham clerk. After two years more, Burnham and Brown bought the stock, and the company disbanded.

The "New England Protective Union" Store, No. 186, was established about 1850, in the front end of "brick row," but moved in a short time to a building nearly opposite the end of Union street, where is now the junction of Market and Bridge streets. David Legro was agent, soon followed by Levi W. Allen. William C. Fernald, — who with his ever-pleasant smile, kind words, obliging disposition, and strict integrity, won the title of "Neighbor Fernald," — took charge in 1854, and retired upon the closing of the store May 26, 1876.

The "Sovereigns of Industry" opened a store in the fall of 1875 on Charles street opposite Liberty street. They moved to Railroad Avenue, and thence to Odd Fellows' Block, and sold to J. G. Morrill & Co. January 1, 1885.

The "Grange" built and opened the store where Nowell & Meserve now are in 1876. They employed George D. Nowell as agent, and carried on a large business for ten years.

The first meat market in Rochester was opened in 1849, in the basement of Dodge's old building, by Daniel McDuffee & Emulus Gowen. They sold out to J. S. Gilman, who has been prominent in the business ever since. The first restaurant was started by Newell J. Bickford, in the spring of 1849, where Wolf's store now is. In the following summer he also started the first bakery. He sold out the next year, and is now confectioner at Great Falls. The manufacture of candy was begun in 1877 by C. A. Davis in Wentworth Block.

In 1807 Edward S. Moulton began clock-making in a small wooden building, where is now the corner of Main and Arrow streets (p. 133). Afterwards Thomas Bryant, brother-in-law of Capt. Joseph Dame, followed the same business in a one-story house, which having been remodeled became the residence of the late Moses W. Willey, on Elm street. Still later, James Cross, son of Richard, carried on the same business in his father's house below the common. In 1812 James C. Cole, having served his apprenticeship with Mr. Moulton, established the same business, and added that of watch-maker and jeweler. In place of the wooden shop, he erected the brick building now occupied by Miss Warren, in the upper story of which the Free Masons practised their mysteries.

He was an neergetic workman, thorough and conscientious. The silverware stamped with his name was in demand through all the surrounding country, as certain to be what he sold it for. He married Betsey, the daughter of John Nutter, and had two sons and three daughters. *Shubael* went into the same business at Great Falls; *Elizabeth* married C. P. Weeks, and died in 1852; *Sarah Jane* was an accomplished teacher, and died January 14, 1889; the other two died young. Mr. Cole was a very prominent member of the Methodist Church (p. 264), one of the first trustees of the Norway Plains Savings Bank, ten years secretary of the Masonic lodge, thirteen years town clerk, and two years in the Legislature.

The first drug-store was one side of the old Hanson store (p. 394), where Humphrey Hanson kept an assortment of roots and herbs with a few drugs. As the business increased he moved into the adjoining store, which he occupied till his death in 1824. Joseph Hanson, Jr., then took the business till he also died after a few years. It was then sold to Dr. Joseph Smith, who employed Dominicus Hanson as clerk, whose father bought him the business. After two years, feeling the need of more education, Dominicus sold the medicines to the doctors, and let the store to Weeks the hatter. While he was away at school, the store burned down. After graduating from Hopkinton Academy, he returned and rebuilt in 1837. His new store had the finest front and the largest panes of glass of any in the county, and was packed from cellar to roof with almost everything nameable in the drug line (p. 396). This was all burned in December, 1880. Mr. Hanson rebuilt immediately, and in June, 1884, leased the store to R. Dewitt Burnham, the present occupant.

The change from the old methods of tailoring began early in the present century. John Roberts, Jr., came to Rochester in 1812, and opened a tailor's shop at the lower end of the street, near the present railroad crossing. His business was large, extending to all the neighboring towns. He soon added that of merchant tailor, and after a few years removed to where J. J. Meader now is. He took into partnership his former apprentice, Thomas C. Davis, who carried on the business for many years

with James Pirie for assistant and afterwards partner. Perhaps the change in this business, since the century came in, is not so great as in some others, yet Roberts would certainly have been surprised to step into the large clothing stores of to-day, the oldest of which is that of the Feinemans, who began business here nearly forty years ago. They deal in both custom and ready-made goods, making a specialty of the former, and having the largest custom business in this vicinity.

Blacksmithing must have been nearly coeval with farming, but like other trades its beginning is obscure. One of the early blacksmiths of the last century was Jacob Hanson, who lived where his grandson Samuel now resides. From about 1780 to 1800 Josiah Wentworth had a blacksmith's shop where is now Dodge's building on Central Square, and lived in a small house opposite. Silas Wentworth came from Rockport, Mass., in 1834, and built a small shop where the townhouse now stands. The next year he bought the old schoolhouse (p. 165), and moved it to the same spot for a blacksmith's shop. It was afterwards moved to Wentworth street, where it is still occupied by his son.

Before 1812 Eliphalet Horne had a nail shop in part of his mill. He bought old Spanish hoops from hogsheads and casks, cut the nails and headed them by hand. About 1850 James M. Fessenden began the manufacture of files near where the "upper mill" stands, and continued the business for about ten years. The first tin-worker here was Alfred D. Kelley in 1849, followed the next year by Meader & Glidden.

In 1877 C. E. Clark started a machine shop. In 1888 he built a foundry and established the "Rochester Foundry and Machine Company." They have a large general business, while making a specialty of Mr. Clark's inventions. A foundry for brass and iron was started in 1879 by Harrison Soule. Nine years later he built a much larger shop, where he makes several hundred Hussey plows every year, and does repairing for factories in all the region. J. W. Berry and W. N. Morrison are connected with this foundry as machinists. In 1883 J. H. Duntley opened a shop for "jobbing and edge-tools."

T. H. Edgerly started a carriage shop in 1865, where he makes the higher grades of light carriages, and has established a wide

reputation for first-class work. In 1883 Edwin Welch began the manufacture of heavy carriages.

Gold, silver, and nickel electro-plating is carried on by E. H. Corson. He also makes a specialty of bicycles; is the author of the "Star Rider's Manual of Bicycling;" publishes the "Star Advocate," a bicycle monthly with a circulation of one thousand, and has made several inventions, especially the "Corson Star saddle," which is coming into general use among "cyclists."

In 1889 a very important new industry was introduced into Rochester by the Kiesel Fire-Brick Company. They own ledges of mica silex on Blue Job, which will furnish an unlimited supply of suitable material. The rock is first crushed and pulverized, and after molding each brick is subjected to a pressure of two hundred tons before burning. The product is claimed to be the best brick in the world, able to resist the most powerful acids and alkalies, as well as the most intense heat. They manufacture all sizes and shapes of bricks, blocks and slabs, crucibles, cupels, muffles, stove-linings, etc. The general manager is G. M. Brown, with H. C. Ingraham as superintendent of the works. When running in full, some two hundred workmen will be employed.

The gradual development of lights for public and domestic use, from the torch of "fat pine" and the tallow candle, through whale oil, "lard oil," camphene, "burning fluid," gas, gasoline, "rosin oil," and kerosene, to the electric light of the present, is one of the best illustrations of progress in modern civilization. After considerable agitation of the subject, an Exeter company in 1885 put in six street lights, and about three times as many store lights on the Ball electric system. By January, 1887, the street lights had increased to thirty-one. This company sold to the Thomson-Houston company, who put in a new plant for incandescent lights in the fall of 1886, and extended the lines to Gonic and East Rochester, now running seventy-five street lights, besides lighting nearly all places of business.

As already suggested, tanneries, on a small scale, were very numerous in the early days. Seven years were then deemed

necessary to produce good leather, and the farmers largely did their own tanning. Now the best leather is produced in a few days, by the power of steam, and no farmer can furnish hides enough to pay for the equipment necessary to tan them. No accurate list can now be given of the shoemakers of this period who went from house to house to ply their trade (p. 137), nor of their immediate successors, who labored in more permanent shops. No kind of business has had more changes than this, passing through the time of "poor old Hannah binding shoes," when half-made shoes were distributed from family to family for "stitching and binding," to the immense establishments of to-day where every process from cutting to pegging is rushed through by machinery with almost incredible rapidity. The beginning of what may be called shoe manufacturing in Rochester was early in the year 1843, when Richard Hayes of Natick, Mass., started a small factory here, continuing the business about five years. Abram A. Perley was in a store opposite the bank, about 1848-50, where he cut shoes and had them made up by such as would take them. He was followed by Joseph Varney & Co., and afterwards by Levi W. Allen. James Bodge cut and manufactured shoes in Dodge's building about 1853, and was followed by J. D. & D. J. Evans. Micajah Wentworth began the manufacture of "brogans" in a small shop above the Bridge, in 1854. The next year he went into company with David Hayes, in a shop at the corner of Wakefield and Summer streets. In 1857 he was in company with W. B. K. Hodgdon in what is now Worcester & Greenfield's store. After one year they built a large double shop near where the railroad station now is. In the fall of 1859 they each built separate shops near by, and in 1860 let the large shop, one half to N. T. & J. B. Kimball, and the other half to Hutchins & Coburn. The same year S. J. & R. B. Wentworth had a shoe factory at the end of Wentworth street. In 1858, before hiring of Hodgdon & Wentworth, N. T. Kimball & Son from Farmington had started a shoe factory in Hall's old tannery, which had been unoccupied for seven years. Charles Johnson continued the business there for some years after. In 1869 sundry citizens built a shop on Elm street, which they let to J. L. Duntley, who carried on an extensive shoe business for thirteen years. A company of citizens built a shop back of Wakefield-street schoolhouse, which

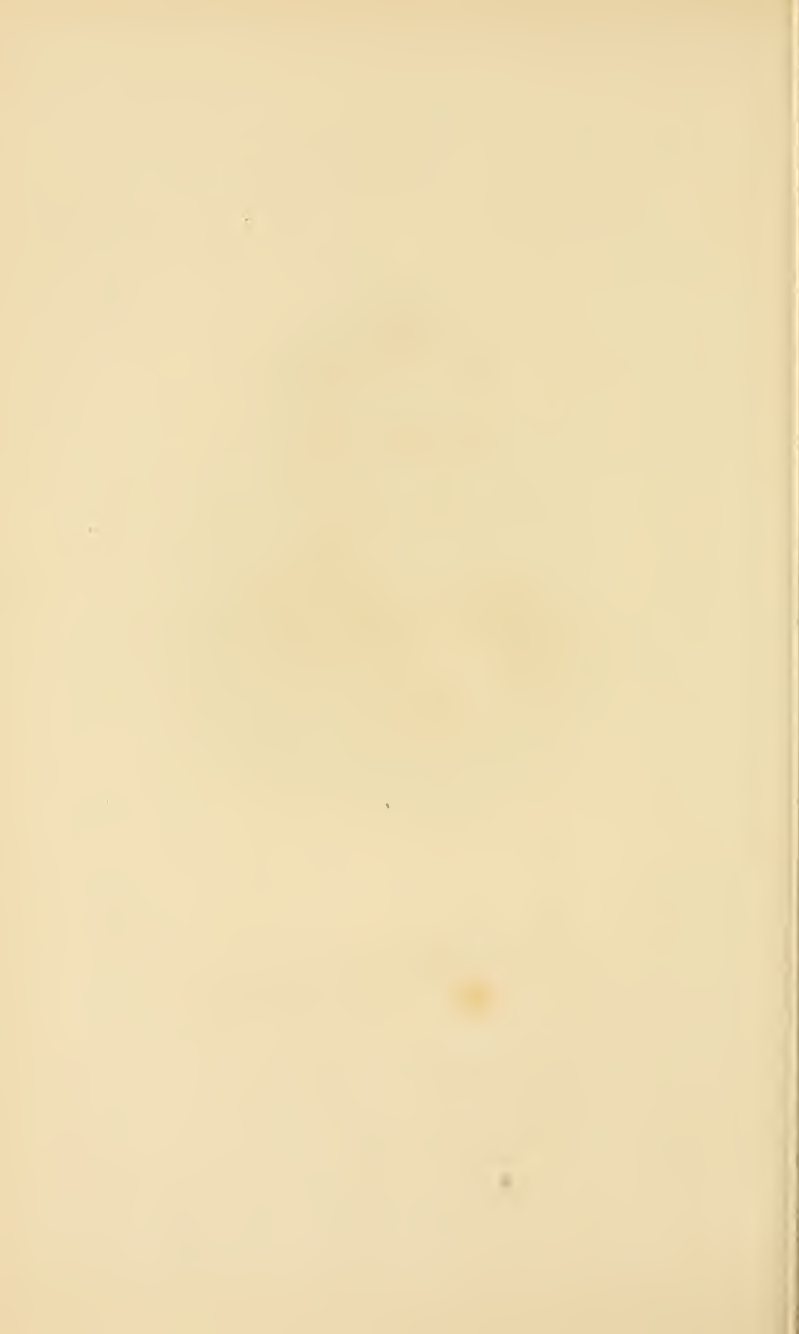
they leased to F. W. Breed of Lynn, Mass., for five years from January, 1885, with the privilege of then renewing the lease for another five years.

One of the most important industries of Rochester is the extensive leather and shoe business of the Wallaces. Ebenezer G. and Edwin Wallace are twin sons of Rev. Linzey and Abigail (Gowell) Wallace of Berwick, Me., where they were born January 5, 1823. At the age of seventeen Ebenezer was apprenticed to Oliver Hill of Berwick to learn the trade of a tanner and currier, while his brother remained on the farm. His pay was forty dollars a year and his board. But by working extra hours and holidays, he managed to save over a hundred dollars during his apprenticeship. The two brothers then went to Exeter Academy, taking the full course in preparation for college. While here, they met expenses by tanning calf-skins during the hours that could be spared from school duties. Nevertheless, by diligence in study, they found themselves promoted to the first division, when it became necessary to divide the class to which they belonged. After leaving Exeter, Edwin returned home and worked on the farm summers, teaching school in the winter. Ebenezer went to Rochester, and worked at his trade in the tannery of Horne & Hall, and also at Furber's in Farmington. Seized with the gold fever, he sold his stock to his brother, and joined the "Bay State Company," who went to California in the spring of 1849. He returned after three years of fair success in the mines. In May, 1853, he married Sarah E. Greenfield (p. 420), and after a year in Concord, returned to Rochester. They have two sons, both graduates of Dartmouth (p. 459), and three daughters, graduates of Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. Ebenezer G. Wallace served two years as representative to the Legislature, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1876.

During the absence of E. G. Wallace in California, his brother Edwin had been engaged in the leather business at Rochester, with varying success. One incident indicates his characteristic energy and integrity. Having become financially embarrassed on account of the failure of parties who owed him considerable sums, his principal creditors voluntarily offered to settle with him for fifty cents on a dollar. But he firmly refused, saying that every man should be paid in full, and so managed that every demand



E. G. Wallace





Edwin Wallace

was met, without a single note going to protest. Mr. Wallace was a member of the House of Representatives in 1870, and of the state Senate the following year. He married, first, Susan R., daughter of William Whitehouse of Rochester, who died leaving one daughter, the late wife of H. D. Jacobs of Brooklyn, N. Y. About 1859 he married Mary E., daughter of Seneca Landers of Woodstock, Me., where she was born January 13, 1836. She died November 10, 1889, leaving one son and two daughters. She was one of the "best known and most universally beloved" of Rochester people. A member of the Congregational church, her life, characterized by "Christian womanliness," was one which was well "worth living." The funeral text, "She hath done what she could," was specially appropriate to her life in all its public and private relations.

In 1858 the firm of E. G. & E. Wallace was formed. One took charge of the tannery, and the other of the curry-shop, employing six or eight hands. After a few years they bought out the concern which had been owned by Onion & Richards, and gradually enlarged the business. At the beginning of the war they were largely tanning calf-skins, and the market suddenly failed them. They concluded to work up the stock themselves, and thus began boot making. Soon after they also began the shoe business on a small scale, employing Lafayette Wiggin to superintend the work. He was a man of skill and experience, trusted by the firm and popular with the help, and was kept at his post as a tried and successful manager for nearly thirty years. In June, 1883, he retired from business on account of failing health. From small beginnings the business of the Wallaces has become the largest of the kind in the State. Their tannery works occupy five acres of ground, and their boot and shoe business is in two brick factories, one of three stories, 36×179 feet in dimensions, with a wing 36×65 feet; the other of four stories, 50×120 feet in size. These are supplied with the best modern machinery operated by a steam engine of one hundred and twenty horse power. About four thousand pairs of shoes are turned out daily, and their goods have a high reputation for quality, style, durability, and cheapness. Besides their Rochester business, they have large interests in other corporations in various parts of the country. Thoroughly identified with the best interests of the town, to their

enterprise and energy Rochester owes much of its present growth and prosperity.

The physical features of the town evidently marked it out as "foreordained" to manufacturing. The extensive water-power of the Coheco and the Salmon Falls rivers would certainly be utilized. Saw-mills and grist mills were, as everywhere, an early necessity. As no one man in those times was able to build such mills, the farmers of a neighborhood would join together and build one on shares, each share entitling the owner to the use of the mill for one day. Such a twenty-four share saw-mill was built very early where the "Upper Mill" stands. David Barker bought this mill which he afterwards sold to the "Mechanics Manufacturing Company." It remained standing till the brick mill was built about 1862. A grist mill was established lower down on the opposite side of the river, which after many years became dilapidated by neglect and was finally swept away by a freshet. Benjamin Barker built a saw and grist-mill on the same side of the river below the present property of the "Norway Plains Company." Hanseam & McDuffee bought and remodeled these mills, and carried on the business, with a grain store in McDuffee Block a part of the time, from 1876 till 1887, when Fremont Goodwin began the manufacture of paper boxes, and a year later established the firm of Goodwin, Trask & Company. The saw and grist mills are still retained, but their principal business is the manufacture of both paper and wooden boxes, house frames, and fittings. Using annually one hundred tons of straw-board, and forty tons of paper, and more than six hundred thousand feet of lumber, they supply not only the manufacturers of this town, but largely those of Dover and Great Falls, also of Springvale and Saccarappa, Me. In May, 1887, George E. Varney built a steam grist mill on Mechanics' Square, and has built up an extensive grain trade. A sash and blind factory with a large business was established in 1876, near the Union Railway Station, by J. H. Meserve.

About 1788 Jabez Dame and Col. John McDuffee established a fulling mill on the present site of the "Norway Plains Upper Mill." Afterwards Caleb Dame carried on business here for a time and then sold to David Barker, Jr. The real beginning of the modern type of woolen manufacture in Rochester was the introduction of a carding machine by Eliphalet Horne in 1811.



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NORWAY PLAINS COMPANY'S NO. 3 MILL.

BOSTON, MASS.

His shop, owned by David Barker, was near where the "Middle Mill" now stands, and people came from far and near to see the wonderful process of making rolls by machinery. This building was burned the following year, and Mr. Barker erected a two-story mill on the same spot, where in addition to carding, he introduced the manufacture of cotton yarn. Barker & Chapman carried on business here for many years, and about 1833 began the manufacture of blankets.

In 1834 the "Mechanics Company" was incorporated, consisting of Algernon S. Howard, Richard Kimball, Joseph Anthony, and their associates, all of Great Falls. They built the "Lower Mill," where they made blankets for six or seven years, when they failed, having sunk their whole capital, and paid no debts.

In 1837 the "Rochester Company" was organized, but never did any business.

In 1842 George Gledghill took the "Upper Mill" at Rochester Village and advertised that he had twenty years' experience, and would take wool on shares or by the yard, to manufacture into "blanketing, flannels, fulls cloth, cassimere, satinets, gray-mixed, indigo blue, or any other color,—country produce taken for work,—agents at a distance to forward wool or cloth."

After the failure of the Mechanics Company, the "Gonic Company" was formed, but met with poor success, and in 1846 N. D. Wetmore and J. D. Sturtevant bought a controlling interest in the property. The first year they cleared \$20,000, and then separated, Wetmore selling out his share.

John D. Sturtevant, of German descent, was the fifth of the eight children of Perez and Dorothy (Kimball) Sturtevant, and was born at Center Harbor July 4, 1816. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to a cloth dresser at Peacham, Vt. By attending school winters he obtained a good common school education by the time his apprenticeship was ended. For the next ten years he was engaged in woolen manufacture in various places from Vermont to Virginia. In 1840 he was appointed superintendent of the Whitney Blanket Mills at Lowell, Mass. In 1842 he bought one of the mills and carried on the business for about four years, when he came to Rochester. By honesty, industry, and prompt business habits he acquired a large fortune. He married October 16, 1841, Adeline, daughter of Joshua and Dorcas

(Jones) Bradley, and died at Boston, Mass., July 5, 1889. They had three children:—Edwin A., who died at the age of twenty; Frances A., wife of Amasa Clarke of Boston, and Ellen B., wife of Edward Steese of the same place.

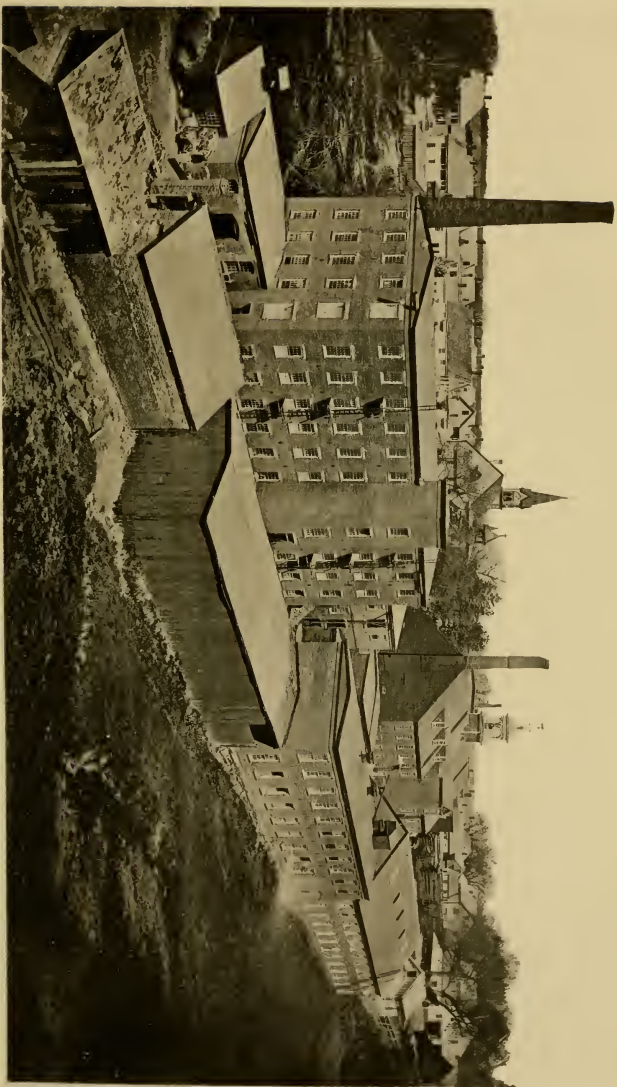
The "Norway Plains Company," in which Mr. Sturtevant was the leading spirit, was chartered in 1846. They had a paid-up capital of \$60,000, and eight sets of machinery in a group of wooden buildings, running upon blankets. Exposed at that early period to little competition, they were steadily successful. At the World's Fair in New York in 1853, their blankets took the premium over all competitors. They gradually rebuilt and enlarged their plant till, after the lapse of twenty years from the first start, all the old wooden buildings, except the store-house, had been replaced by brick ones; a new mill had been erected upon the upper dam; the machinery had been increased from eight to thirty sets, and the paid-up capital from \$60,000 to \$250,000. The stimulus imparted to the blanket manufacture by the peremptory wants of the Government during the civil war, gave rise to a very severe competition. From 1883 to the present time the business has afforded a very inadequate return upon invested capital.

BANKS.

The growing activity of trade and manufactures soon demanded banking facilities of its own for the thriving village of Norway Plains (p. 369).

* ROCHESTER BANK was incorporated by an act of Legislature approved July 5, 1834, and the first meeting of the stockholders was held the 16th of August following, when by-laws were adopted, and James Farrington, Nehemiah Eastman, Charles Dennett, Moses Hale, John Greenfield, Simon Chase, and John A. Burleigh were elected directors. September 29th John McDuffee, Jr., was chosen cashier and held the office till the closing of the bank, twenty years later. It was voted that the bank business hours be from 9 to 12 A. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M., but in no case to be after sunset. March 2, 1835, James Farrington was chosen president, and the bank began business May 1, with \$100,000 capital, and ninety stockholders, of whom John McDuffee and

* The following sketch of the Rochester Banks was mainly furnished by Henry M. Plumer, Cashier.



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NORWAY PLAINS COMPANY'S NO. 1 AND NO. 2 MILLS.

MADE IN MASS.



Dominicus Hanson are the only survivors. February 20, 1850, it was voted to increase the capital stock to \$120,000. On the expiration of the charter at the end of twenty years, it was voted to close the bank and sell its real estate to the new bank then being organized. The last board of directors consisted of Simon Chase, James Farrington, John Greenfield, Charles Dennett, James C. Cole, Dominicus Hanson, and Jeremy Wingate. The presidents from the beginning were James Farrington four years, John Greenfield three years, and Simon Chase the last thirteen years.

The new Rochester Bank was incorporated by an act approved June 30, 1853, and began business April 1, 1854, with a capital of \$80,000. The directors were John McDuffee, Jr., Charles Dennett, James C. Cole, Dominicus Hanson, Stephen M. Mathes, Enoch Whitehouse, and Watson Hayes. John McDuffee, Jr., was chosen president, and Franklin McDuffee, cashier; both of whom retained their offices through the existence of the bank.

It is interesting to listen to incidents in the history of the bank, and the early methods of business as now related by the venerable president whose life has been identified with the banking interests of this town for about sixty years,—a case almost without parallel in the whole country. The deposits for the first twenty years averaged less than \$5,000, while the town now carries a business deposit in the banks of this village of about \$125,000. At that time about one draft a week was drawn, it being all written out with the greatest formality and painstaking.

The first visit of the bank commissioner, then newly appointed, will illustrate the difference between the past and the present methods of business. It was in the spring when the traveling was very bad, not more than two or three sleighs passing through the day. Mr. McDuffee was somewhat ill, and concluded he would close the bank at noon for the day. Just as he was leaving, a man met him, saying he was the Bank Commissioner, had come from Exeter to examine the bank, that it wouldn't take long, that he didn't know anything about banks and didn't expect to; that he had taken the office only for the pay he could get, and the better he was paid the sooner he would get through. So they went back to the bank, and Mr. McDuffee showed him his last statement. The man read it over, saying, "Real estate—where is that?" "This building," was the answer. "Specie—where is

that?" "In those bags." "Notes — where are they?" "In that drawer." The statement was then copied and sworn to, and the examination was over. He then asked about the bank at Wolfenborough, which was known to be in a precarious condition, and wanted to know if they had money so as to pay him, for the traveling was bad, and he didn't want to go up there, unless he was likely to be paid for it.

This being the only bank between Dover and Canada received a large share of business from drovers passing through this section of the State. Counterfeiters were plenty, as their trade was made easy by each bank having a different plate for its bills. They, as well as forgers who were not so rare customers as bank officers might wish, could easily escape, as the present facilities for detection and capture did not then exist.

One day a man brought several notes for discount, representing himself to be one Nutter who was reputed to be a man of property. Mr. McDuffee asked him to return in an hour, as he must first consult the directors. While they were considering the matter, he happened to observe that the notes, though dated one or two years apart, were all cut from the same piece of paper. Just as he made the discovery, the man came in. Placing the notes together showing that they had been written on the same half sheet of paper, he asked him to explain. The man seemed only amused, saying that he had used the same kind of paper for years, and it must have happened by a wonderful coincidence. It occurred to Mr. McDuffee that Nutter would be known at Dodge's hotel. Asking the man to stop with the directors, he went over to Dodge's. Just as he was stepping into the hotel, he looked back and saw that the man had sauntered out of the bank, and was standing on the steps. Not finding Mr. Dodge he came out at once, and then saw the man jump over the fence and run. John Greenfield started in pursuit with his little dog, but taking to the nearest woods the man escaped. Mr. McDuffee watched for him with a sheriff, near Hayes's crossing, half the night, but without success. It afterwards appeared that the man, whose name was Canney, went over into Maine, where he was soon after sent to the state prison for life for robbery and murder.

Another time a man from Brownfield, Me., claiming to be a drover, came in wanting to borrow \$2,500 at once. He said that

Mr. Towle, who was known to be wealthy, was an uncle of his and would sign the note. He was informed that he could have the money if he would get the name of Amasa Copp of Wakefield, or Levi Jones of Milton. A little before bank hours next morning, Mr. McDuffee saw him coming up the street on a sweating horse, as though he had been riding all night. Suspecting that all was not right he secured the presence of the sheriff. The man, whose name was Meade, brought his note with the name of Levi Jones, which was at once seen to be a forgery. Denying at first, he finally confessed, and was arrested and lodged in jail. He belonged to a notorious gang of forgers and counterfeiters, who had money enough to almost ensure the escape of any one of their number who should be detected. John P. Hale, his counsel, set up insanity as defence, got him admitted to bail which proved to be worthless, and the man escaped to Canada.

This with other efforts to bring similar culprits to justice soon taught the bank officers that the only gain was the satisfaction of seeing them lie in jail for a time, while they themselves were out of pocket for the expense of putting them there.

The bank records contain the following account of an attempt at burglary: —

“On Saturday morning the 18th of November, A. D. 1843, this Bank was entered by Burglars. They broke a square of glass on the south side of the Bank window nearest the road, being the second square from the road in the second row from the sill. They then bored through the shutter with a 1½ inch bit until they could get in their arm. They then unbarred the window and came in. They then attempted to blow off the lock from the outer door of the vault, with Powder. Two explosions were made; the first one is supposed to have started one of the straps that holds the lock to the door, so that the door yielded about three inches; the second discharge is supposed to have effected nothing. They then attempted by the help of the Iron window bars, to pry open the doors but did not succeed. Both explosions were distinctly heard by numerous families in the vicinity. One arose soon after the second report and lighted a lamp. It was then 3 o'clock A. M. Nothing was taken except two of the window bars which were carried back in the field and thrown down, but found and returned on Monday. On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, the Cashier came in to see that all was right as usual, and made the discovery. The building was filled with smoke and at first sight seemed as if it proceeded from fire. It is supposed that there were at least three of the villains.”

Two other unsuccessful attempts have been made, only forcing one door, and once setting the bank on fire.

The old bank lock was made by Charles Dennett, and though long superseded by modern improvements, is still kept as a memento of early times.

The last board of directors of this bank consisted of John McDuffee, William K. Kimball, Charles Greenfield, Dominicus Hanson, Thomas C. Davis, E. J. Mathes, and Enoch Whitehouse.

When the state banks went out of existence in 1866, this bank closed up its affairs, but the same business was continued by John McDuffee & Co., private bankers, until the national bank was established.

ROCHESTER NATIONAL BANK was organized under a national charter January 27, 1874, with a capital of \$50,000, and the following directors:—John McDuffee, Charles Greenfield, Thomas C. Davis, Enoch Whitehouse, Joseph H. Worcester, Nathaniel Burnham, and Franklin McDuffee. John McDuffee was chosen president, and Franklin McDuffee cashier. John McDuffee has continued in office till the present time (p. 370). From first to last his hand has been felt in the careful, conservative management of these banks, as also the Norway Plains Savings Bank, which has made their history a continuous success. On the death of Franklin McDuffee in November, 1880, Henry M. Plumer from Salmon Falls was chosen cashier, and has held the office to the present time.

The present directors are John McDuffee, Charles Greenfield, Nathaniel Burnham, James Farrington, and Joseph H. Worcester. The bank has a surplus of \$10,000, and \$3,000 undivided profits.

NORWAY PLAINS SAVINGS BANK was incorporated July 2, 1851, and began business August 5, with the following officers:—Charles Dennett, president; John McDuffee, Jr., secretary and treasurer; Charles Dennett, J. D. Sturtevant, John Folsom, James C. Cole, N. V. Whitehouse, T. C. Davis, and E. J. Mathes, trustees. September 5, 1866, Franklin McDuffee was chosen secretary and treasurer, and March 11, 1867, John McDuffee was chosen president. December 1, 1880, Henry M. Plumer was chosen secretary and treasurer in place of the late Franklin McDuffee. By order of the Supreme Court March 25, 1878, the deposits were scaled down one sixth, but April 5, 1881, the entire amount was returned to all who had accounts there at the time of the reduction, whether they had withdrawn their money or not. This result fully justified the confidence which, even during the temporary embarrassment, pervaded the greater part of the community that the bank would come out all right in the end. The deposits at

this time are over \$600,000. The trustees are: — John McDuffee, Charles Greenfield, Dominicus Hanson, James Farrington, Nathaniel Burnham, I. W. Lougee, and James H. Edgerly.

ROCHESTER SAVINGS BANK.

BY HON. CHARLES S. WHITEHOUSE.

The establishment of savings banks in a town is a fair indication of the thrift and frugality of its people. Like the church and the schoolhouse which indicate the moral and intellectual standing of a town, these savings institutions emphasize the industry, economy, and prudence which make the former possible, or at least add greatly to their development. The good they do in a community is incalculable. Habits of economy and industry are stimulated and encouraged, and many a young man can date the beginning of his success in life from his first deposit in a savings bank.

Rochester has been singularly fortunate in its savings banks. They have been managed with prudence and sagacity, together with a commendable spirit of liberality towards the business men of the place, until from small beginnings they have become an important factor in the prosperity and growth of the town.

ROCHESTER SAVINGS BANK was incorporated by the State July 3, 1872. From various causes the first meeting of the corporators was not held till August 27, 1874, when they organized by the choice of trustees. The twenty-four corporators were as follows: — E. G. Wallace, C. K. Sanborn*, Enoch C. Dow*, Albert W. Hayes, William Rand, Francis Orr*, and John Hall, trustees; other members, Nathaniel Burnham, J. D. Evans*, Robert McIlroy, Larkin Harrington*, S. D. Wentworth, William Wentworth, J. H. Worcester, James Farrington, James Walker, S. H. Feinemann*, Edwin Wallace, John D. Sturtevant*, John Legro*, James Hurd*, Isaac Merrill*, E. J. Mathes, Isaac W. Springfield, and Elbridge W. Fox. Subsequently, Ebenezer G. Wallace was chosen president; Cyrus K. Sanborn, vice president; and Stephen D. Wentworth, treasurer. The bank, located in the Cole building, began business and received its first deposit November 2, 1874, Capt. A. W. Hayes being the first depositor. Since then the bank has

* Deceased.

grown steadily in the confidence of the community, until at the present time, December, 1889, its deposits and accumulations amount to over \$400,000. It has paid its depositors semi-annual dividends regularly from the beginning, never less than four, and a part of the time five per cent yearly. E. G. Wallace resigned the office of president in 1878, and was succeeded by C. K. Sanborn, who served till 1882, when Mr. Wallace took the office again for one year. John Legro next held the position till 1884, then E. J. Mathes filled the place till 1888, when William Rand was chosen and still holds the office. Stephen D. Wentworth has been treasurer from the beginning,—a period of fifteen years. Having all the details attending the loaning, collecting, and safety of nearly half a million dollars belonging to about a thousand depositors, he is fully alive to the responsibilities belonging to the position which he so successfully fills. He is an earnest and faithful official,—energetic, painstaking, and sagacious.

The present officers are:—William Rand, president; J. Thorne Dodge, vice-president; S. D. Wentworth, treasurer; William Rand, J. T. Dodge, Frank E. Wallace, Ezra Standley, Augustine S. Parshley, Richardson J. Wallace, and S. D. Wentworth, trustees.

Shortly after commencing business the bank was moved into the Hayes Block, where it remained till January, 1889, when it took possession of its present tasty and convenient quarters.

A word of tribute to the sterling worth and faithful devotion to the interests of the depositors on the part of the deceased members of the corporation is not inappropriate. They were all men who in their various callings of life were an honor to the town. They knew the struggles of early manhood, and appreciated the benefits growing out of a conscientious devotion to public and private duties. They were men of prudence, rugged integrity, and unblemished reputation among their neighbors and fellow citizens. Whether as the devoted family physician, the able lawyer, the honest merchant and manufacturer, the sterling farmer, or the public official, they gained and merited and held to the last day of their lives, the unqualified respect and confidence of their townsmen, and left a remembrance of their public and private worth rich in good deeds.

Some account has already been given of the FARMERS AND MECHANICS BANK, afterwards the GONIC NATIONAL BANK (p. 362).

ROCHESTER LOAN AND BANKING COMPANY was organized in 1886, as a private partnership. A charter was granted by the Legislature of 1887 under which they reorganized June 1, 1888, with the following officers:—President, Edwin Wallace; vice-president, Sumner Wallace; cashier, John L. Copp; directors, Charles F. Caverly, Charles B. Gafney, Frank Jones of Portsmouth, Isidor Salinger, Edwin and Sumner Wallace, and Gurdon W. Wattles. They have a paid-up capital of \$100,000, and transact all kinds of general banking business.

HOTELS.

Places for the public entertainment of travelers, in some form, have always held an important position among the conveniences of even a semi-civilization. They have been prominent in Rochester from the earliest times.

The Stephen Wentworth Tavern which stood on Haven's hill, "a short distance from the traveled road in the south-east corner of a three-acre lot, with a small cellar and an ancient well to mark its location," is said to have been the first tavern in Rochester. It was "a one-story double house with a wing at each end, unpainted, and exactly facing the sun at 12 M." This tavern was known also as the "Wolfe Tavern," from the sign which bore a bust portrait of General Wolfe in full military dress. Under the portrait were the words "GENERAL: WOLFE—. 1770." This was the date of the sign. The tavern had doubtless been open for years before. In the upper corners of the sign were the letters S. W., for the name of the proprietor. This old sign is now owned by Dr. Farrington. Stephen Wentworth was akin to the famous Portsmouth family, and here old Governor John Wentworth frequently stopped with his accomplished wife, and hence it was often called the "Governor Wentworth Tavern." Here men were recruited for the Revolution, and the scenes of interest here enacted would fill a long chapter of valuable history now passed into oblivion.

John Cloutman kept tavern as early as 1768 on the farm now owned by his grandson, Charles Willand.

Moses Hurd had a tavern which was burned not far from 1790. It probably stood where is now the "Moses Hurd house," at the lower end of Main street.

About the time of the Revolution, a small one-story house in which Colonel McDuffee had lived, was moved to where Hayes Block now stands, and became a tavern first kept by Stephen Berry. In the early part of the century it was kept by Major Perkins, and afterwards by Levi Dearborn, known as "Squire Dearborn." After his death it remained unoccupied for some years, when Simon Chase added a story and made it his own residence. It now stands on the rear of the same lot.

The large two-story house at the lower end of the village known as the Roberts house, was formerly "Furber's Tavern," the old sign of which is still preserved by Mrs. John R. Roberts, being a small oval bearing the words, "M. Furber's Tavern. 1806."

"Barker's Tavern," where the Methodist church now stands, was well known in the early part of the century, and was burned in 1823 (p. 131).

The "Old Tavern House" at the corner of Market street and Factory court was built in 1800, by Meshach Robinson, who is also said to have built the first wagon run in Rochester. In 1845 this tavern was kept by William J. Roberts, and was discontinued not long after.

"Odiorne's Tavern" was an old-fashioned two-story white house where Dodge's Hotel now is. Capt. John Odiorne was a saddler by trade, "a smart man," and a popular military officer. He died in 1811, at the age of forty-eight years. His widow, Mrs. Sarah (Hanson) Odiorne, was a woman of unusual shrewdness and executive ability, and when left with a family of children to provide for, showed herself abundantly able to do so, by keeping the tavern with good success for about thirty years.

DODGE'S HOTEL.

BY MRS. DANIEL HALL OF DOVER.

A historical sketch of Rochester would be very incomplete without a notice more or less extended of "Dodge's Hotel," and the active, hard-working family who have lived there for the last half century, and have made it so widely and favorably known.

The place was first occupied for a private residence by Peter Cushing, who sold it to Mrs. Captain Odiorne, his wife's sister, who kept a public house here for many years. The courts for old Strafford county, embracing the present counties of Strafford,



Belknap, and Carroll, were then held at Rochester, and "Odiorne's Tavern" was the favorite resort of judges, lawyers, and suitors.

Jonathan T. Dodge was born at Ossipee in 1803. His father was a native of Wenham, Mass., and in company with Judge Quarles kept a store at Ossipee Corner. Jonathan T. Dodge was one of eight children. At the age of eighteen, his health failing, he started for Massachusetts in hope of being benefited by the sea air. On his way he stopped to rest at Odiorne's Tavern, where he was taken sick, and was unable to proceed. Mrs. Odiorne becoming interested in him, persuaded him to remain with her after his recovery, as she was in need of help in the hotel. This was in the year 1821. He lived there in her employ ten years, for eight of which his pay was two shillings per day. He related in subsequent years, that going to bed at eleven o'clock, he was some nights called up as many as nine times to take care of horses, of which they sometimes had seventy in a night. After filling their own stables, they filled the neighbors' barns also. In 1831 he returned to Ossipee where his mother resided. Not feeling able to carry on the business without help, Mrs. Odiorne sold to her son-in-law, John B. Buzzel. In 1834 Mr. Dodge bought the stand, and in company with his brother-in-law, Daniel R. Carter, removed the old house and erected a new and larger one. They continued together in the hotel business till Mr. Carter's death in 1842. Meantime Mr. Dodge was married in December, 1840, to Miss Sarah Hansen of Great Falls. Five children were born to them, four of whom are now living, one having died in infancy. The house was set on fire August 21, 1851, by one Ezekiel Tibbetts, an imbecile town pauper. All the hotel buildings, the house on the adjoining lot, with other buildings were consumed. The family were saved, but nearly all the furniture was lost. Only a small insurance was realized.

Six months later, the house having been rebuilt, the family moved into it. The new house was of brick, and is still standing, having been enlarged about twenty years ago.

During his connection with the hotel Mr. Dodge entered largely into staging, and other enterprises which were more or less successful (p. 135). He was the proprietor of several stage lines, which were, in those days, the only means of transportation. He owned at one time ninety horses which were employed in this

business. He carried the mail for nineteen years from Conway to Dover and return, frequently driving the great teams himself over the long route. The well-known "whips," Moses Canney, Kirke Pitman, Sinclair, and John L. Hanson drove for Mr. Dodge for many years. He continued his connection with this business to a greater or less extent, till the old stage lines from the seaboard to the mountains were superseded by railroads.

Mr. Dodge died January 8, 1871, leaving an honored name among all who knew him, as a man of enterprise, of uncommon business ability, and thorough integrity of character.

For nearly nineteen years after Mr. Dodge's death, his widow, with the assistance of her son, J. Thorne Dodge, carried on the hotel, and under their charge it enjoyed unabated popularity, and served the public with the same satisfaction that Mr. Dodge gave in his lifetime. In fact, "Dodge's Hotel" is one of the "institutions" of Rochester, and has contributed not a little to the credit and prosperity of the town.

During Mr. Dodge's lifetime, and ever since, this house has been famous for its cleanliness, its excellent beds and furniture, its orderly arrangements of every kind, and above all for a table and *cuisine* whose reputation has extended far and wide. Many traveling people go out of their way and take extraordinary pains to "make in" to this hotel.

Mrs. Dodge retained her vigor and activity up to advanced years, and conducted the business with the same assiduity, care, personal oversight, and attention to the comfort of her guests as characterized her earlier years. She was in failing health for about a year before her death, though still able to be about and attend to the house and her other affairs with much of the energy of her prime. After a sickness of about two weeks duration, she died November 1, 1889, upwards of eighty years of age, greatly lamented by the people of the town, by hosts of friends all over the country who had enjoyed her hospitality, and especially by many poor people to whom her hand was ever open.

Since her decease the hotel has been kept under the proprietorship of J. Thorne Dodge, and it would be difficult to find any house in the State where better accommodations are furnished, or which is more popular with the traveling public than "Dodge's

Hotel." Its appointments have been modernized, keeping pace with the progress of the times, and to this day it enjoys and well deserves a most liberal public patronage and favor.

Lowell Kenney came from Salem, Mass., and opened "Kenney's Tavern" in 1824. Charles Y. Meserve bought it in 1838, and at a supper which he gave to his friends on the occasion, the Hon. J. H. Woodman proposed the name "Langdon House," by which it was afterwards known. His brother Stephen Meserve followed him, and in 1843 Capt. Ephraim Richardson bought it, and conducted the business on strictly temperance principles for seventeen years. He leased the place for three years, and then in 1863 sold it to Mr. Dodge. The Wallaces soon after bought it, and the place is occupied by their business. The "Langdon House" did a large business before the time of railroads, frequently putting up from seventy-five to one hundred yoke of cattle, besides twenty to thirty horses in a single night. It was for some years "the head-quarters during the sessions of court, of the judges, lawyers, and leading men." The regimental muster was held for many years on the parade back of this hotel.

In 1867, Silas H. Wentworth bought the Woodman house (p. 132) and opened a hotel which was named "Mansion House" by J. F. Place. Mr. Wentworth was a generous man, and never allowed any one to go away because he had no money. Under his management the "Mansion House" was a place of popular resort, especially for political gatherings. After Mr. Wentworth died in 1881, his widow continued the business for two years, when she leased it to B. L. E. Gowan for two years, since which it has frequently changed hands. It is now owned by Mrs. Jennie L. Goodwin, a daughter of Mr. Wentworth, and is rented by Nathaniel Ham.

The widow of Levi F. Roberts of Rochester built a hotel near the railroad station, and opened it December 5, 1881. She named it "Hotel Wrisley," from her husband's sister, Mrs. Wrisley. After three years she sold it to Buelduc & Thurston, the latter of whom sold out to his partner in 1889. This house is extensively patronized by commercial travelers.

RAILROADS.

BY CHARLES W. BROWN

The contrast between the past and the present is nowhere more marked than in methods of travel and transportation (p. 135). With the advent of railroads into Rochester began the permanent growth of the town, which has been steady and healthful from that day to this.

The first regular trains run into this town were over the Great Falls & Conway Railroad, commencing March 6, 1849. There was a bitter rivalry between this road and the Cocheco which had been chartered about the same time to run from Dover through Rochester to Alton Bay. Out of this rivalry sprang the famous "railroad riot" of February 21, 1849, the following account of which is condensed from a Great Falls paper:—

"When the Boston & Maine Railroad built a branch to Great Falls, there was a written agreement that it should not be extended further north under certain specified penalties. This served to stifle for a time all railroad extension in this vicinity. The people of Dover learning that Great Falls had thus secured to itself a terminus on the country route, began to agitate the subject of extending a railroad from Dover to Rochester and thence northward. The capitalists of Great Falls saw that if this were permitted, they would be entirely cut off from the country routes. Though appearing to be geographically in the line, they would really be as much out of the line of trade and travel as if in the midst of the Atlantic. Therefore a proposition to establish the Great Falls & Conway Railroad met with much favor. A charter was secured, and when it became certain that Dover was about to make an iron grasp upon Rochester, the building of the road was begun at once. The Dover capitalists who had made every arrangement for building the Cocheco Railroad, considering this a kind of trickery, worked earnestly against the Great Falls & Conway road, and made an unsuccessful attempt to contest the validity of its charter. The Great Falls & Conway road had been surveyed and laid out by its own engineers, and had taken bonds of the land where it crossed the Cocheco road. The Cocheco company employed the Railroad Commissioners to lay out their road, who paid no attention to the claims of the Great Falls & Conway, directing the Cocheco company to pay the owners of the land a specified sum for damages. The owners, however, refused to accept it, though tendered to them in gold and silver coin. It was therefore deposited with the State Treasurer subject to their order. Subsequently the Great Falls & Conway company paid the land owners a sum which satisfied them for all damages. But the Cocheco road, resting on the authority of the Railroad Commissioners, persisted in its claim, so that the crossing became a special point of battle between the two roads. The track of the Great Falls & Conway having been completed to Rochester Village, preparations were made to commence running trains on Thursday, the 22d of February. Anticipating a fracas, and to prevent tearing up of the track, the Great Falls & Conway had placed a heavily loaded car on the crossing, and trigged it at both ends with ties, besides running rails through the wheels between the spokes. The track had also been doubly spiked, and the whole work done in the most thorough manner. On the morning of the 21st a crowd of Rochester people had gathered upon or near the car, determined

that it should not be removed, except to admit the passage of the Great Falls & Conway train. During the forenoon a number of persons from Dover, among whom were some of the most influential and wealthy men of Strafford county, appeared on the disputed territory and gave orders for the removal of the car that they might finish up some work on the Cocheco road. The Rochester people informed them that the car could not be moved, whereupon they made several attempts to attach ox-chains and drag it off. In the squabble that ensued, several persons were slightly injured, one had a broken arm, and one came near losing his life. A constable was called and the riot act read, and William Hale, Jr., with others from Dover was arrested and required to recognize for participating in a riot. The result of the *melée* was that the rioters dragged off the car and pulled up the track."

The scene of this riot was near where the brick station of the Boston & Maine Railroad was built at Railroad-avenue crossing. It stirred up a great deal of bad blood among the citizens of Rochester, but more especially between Great Falls and Dover, so that for a long time it was not safe for a man living in either city to visit the other. The matter was finally settled by arbitration, the Great Falls & Conway being obliged to move their track, while the Cocheco road was given the right of way over the land which the Great Falls & Conway had purchased.

February 28, 1849, the Boston & Maine company contracted to operate the Great Falls & Conway road "for one year from January 1, 1849, and until one party shall give to the other six months' notice of its intention to terminate the same." Such notice was given by the Great Falls & Conway June 1 of the same year, and the contract was terminated January 1, 1850.

During the summer this road had built at Rochester two depots for merchandise, one of which was of brick and accommodated all the freight of this line till within a few years; one engine house 43×50 which accommodated three engines, and stood near Portland-street crossing, in front of the dwelling-house of Arthur D. Richardson; and one passenger station, a small wooden building intended for temporary use, but which served the passengers of this road for more than fifteen years. This was then replaced by a neat wooden structure near where the union depot now stands, which was sold in 1884 to the Portland & Rochester Railroad, and moved to Saccarappa, where it is still used as a passenger station.

The first station agent was a Mr. Quimby, who served but a short time when he was succeeded by George W. Barker. Mr. Barker resigned in 1852, and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where he rose to the position of division super-

intendent, and was considered a model official. The next agent was Deacon Thomas Brown, who faithfully served the company for twenty-three years and a half, until old age and increasing duties compelled him to resign. The position was afterwards filled by W. H. Tucker, C. H. Hayes, and N. T. Kimball who, after the consolidation of the Boston & Maine with the Eastern, had charge of all the railroad interests of the village.

The Cochecho Railroad was chartered in 1847, ground first broken in July, 1848, and was opened to Farmington in September, 1849. The first agent was Jacob H. Ela, who was followed by Henry M. Kelley and J. F. Hoyt. George F. Richardson was appointed in 1864, and was an efficient agent till the consolidation of the Boston & Maine with the Eastern, a period of more than twenty years, when he resigned. The first passenger station of the Cochecho road was a small wooden building near Wentworth street. The freight house was also of wood on the north side of the same street. A commodious brick passenger station was erected in 1868 near Railroad Avenue, which after the consolidation was removed and fitted up where it now stands as a union depot. A brick freight house was built about the same time just south of Railroad Avenue. When the two roads united, a large wooden freight house newly built by the Eastern, which had possession of the Great Falls & Conway road, was moved to the south side of the brick freight house, and from these two buildings all the freight business is now done. In 1860 the name Cochecho was changed to Dover & Winnipiseogee, and the road was leased in 1862 to the Boston & Maine.

About the close of the war, the question of new railroads began to be agitated. The old York & Cumberland road, which had been chartered to Great Falls through Saccarappa, Gorham, and Alfred, was completed as far as the Saco river. Prominent business men in Portland, Rochester, and the intervening towns were very active in having this road re-chartered to Rochester, under the name of Portland & Rochester Railroad Company. At the annual town meeting, March 10, 1868, Rochester voted to take forty thousand dollars' worth of stock in this road, and September 7, 1871, the selectmen were authorized and required forthwith to hire that amount and pay it over to the treasurer of the Portland & Rochester road, taking certificates of that amount of stock. The first regular train over this road to Rochester was July 31, 1871.

One principal object in securing this road was to open a through line from Portland to New York and the West. The Worcester & Nashua Railroad was specially interested in this matter, and the question of a connecting link from Nashua to Rochester was soon agitated. At a special town meeting, November 29, 1870, it was voted to take fifteen thousand dollars' worth of stock in the Nashua & Rochester road, "if running into the village of Norway Plains within three years." This time was afterwards extended three years more. The road was completed and regular trains running November 24, 1874.

The Portland & Rochester stock did not prove a profitable investment. No dividends were ever declared, and under an amended charter about 1880, the town was compelled to take eight shares of the new stock in place of the four hundred originally owned. On the Nashua & Rochester stock the town received two dividends of six per cent each, and then sold the stock at ninety dollars a share.

The business of these two roads in this village was done by a joint agent. A. U. Nason first held the position, and was succeeded in 1876 by Charles W. Brown who continued in that capacity till the railroad interests of this village were united under one management.

The first Portland & Rochester Railroad station was a small wooden affair, with a waiting-room at one end and a freight-house at the other till 1876, when the latter was finished off for a ladies' room. This was used by both roads till the Boston & Maine obtained control of the Worcester & Nashua road. The Nashua & Rochester built a brick engine-house to accommodate six locomotives, and a car house for six passenger cars. Their freight-house was the wooden building with slate roof now used by the Boston & Maine for a store-house.

At the time the question of the Portland & Rochester road was agitated, another line was chartered, connecting with the Boston, Concord & Montreal road at Concord. Much interest was excited, and the town voted to take fifteen thousand dollars' worth of stock when it should be completed. But this project has thus far failed.

At first business was not systematized as at present, consequently it is very difficult to get at the amount done when the Great Falls

& Conway and the Coheco commenced operations. At that time but one man was required to do all the business for each road, and the total station expenses for both roads was only sixty-five dollars a month. Now it requires fourteen men with a monthly expense of five hundred and thirty-two dollars. The monthly ticket business now averages about four thousand dollars, and the freight seven thousand. Over two hundred freight cars are handled daily at the station. On the opening of the Great Falls & Conway road, two passenger trains and one freight train each way were amply sufficient. The Coheco road run two trains each way, one being a mixed train. Now forty regular trains a day are required. This gives some idea of the increase of the railroad business, and is also indicative of the material growth and prosperity of the town.

The postoffice at Rochester was established March 26, 1812, when President Madison appointed William Barker the first postmaster. He kept the office at the Barker tavern, where the Methodist meeting-house now stands. John B. Buzzell, appointed August 5, 1815, lived up stairs in the "Carter building," and kept the postoffice in his variety store below. David Barker, Jr., was appointed October 15, 1818, and kept the office in the Barker store under his law office, near the site of McDuffee Block. Humphrey Hanson was appointed July 8, 1823, and kept the office in the old brick drug-store, where Hanson's new block now stands. August 4, 1826, John McDuffee was appointed and kept the office in his store, where is now the north-east corner of McDuffee Block. William S. Ricker was appointed August 14, 1829. He was a painter by trade, and kept the office at his residence in the Wentworth house opposite the town hall. April 11, 1831, John H. Smith, a young lawyer, son of John Smith the blacksmith, received the appointment and removed the office to the Hanson store. Lowell Kenney was appointed May 10, 1832, and kept the office in the store connected with his tavern at the lower end of the street. Dominicus Hanson, appointed September 16, 1835, returned the office to his store. He made great improvements in methods, and introduced the first boxes. The change was much appreciated by the citizens, and he held the position fourteen years. Gilbert Horney was appointed June 15, 1849, and served under Presidents Taylor and Fillmore. He was a native of Ports-

mouth and had traded for a time at Farmington before coming to Rochester. He kept the office in his store, where is now the lower end of McDuffee Block. William Jackson, appointed April 23, 1853, brought the office back again to Hanson's drug store. Nicholas R. Varney, appointed April 13, 1861, removed the office to the Lewis Hanson store, now occupied by Worcester & Greenfield. J. Frank Place, editor of the "Courier," was appointed May 18, 1865, and fitted up a room expressly for the postoffice in Dodge's brick building now occupied by M. L. Burr. Joseph H. Worcester, appointed April 5, 1867, retained the office in the same place. John G. Davis, appointed January 28, 1868, was a watch-maker and jeweler and removed the office to his shop in the Lewis Hanson store. George B. Roberts, appointed April 19, 1869, removed the office to its present commodious quarters on Hanson street. Osman B. Warren held the office a little more than seven years from his appointment, March 25, 1878. In July, 1885, Charles W. Howe, formerly a druggist, was appointed and retains the office to the present time.

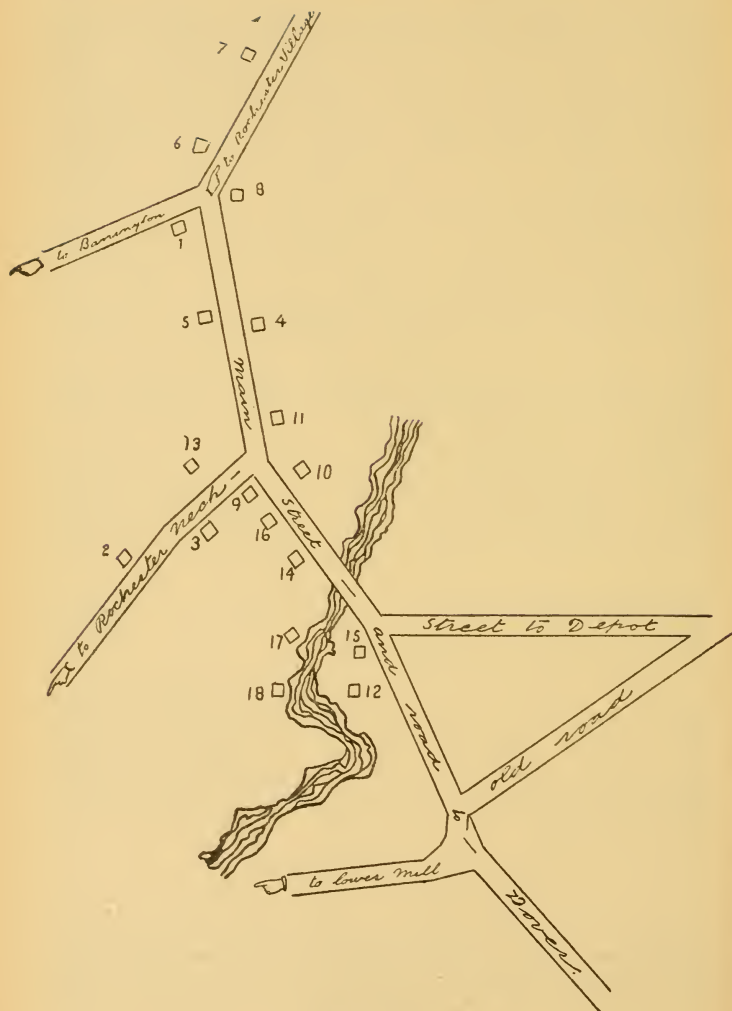
The revenue of this office for its first three months in 1812 was \$5.07. During the little more than four years since Mr. Howe became postmaster the office has done a business of \$240,000. For the year 1889 its business was as follows:—

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| Postage stamps, stamped envelopes, and postal cards sold . . . | \$5,149 73 |
| Amount received for box rent | 845 80 |
| Amount received from sale of money orders | 17,161 19 |
| Amount received from sale of postal notes | 1,704 00 |

The amount paid out for money orders and postal notes was about the same as that received. Twelve hundred and two letters were registered during the year, and one hundred and seventy-eight "special delivery" letters received. This office shows a steady increase of business each year, and will no doubt become a "second-class office" in the near future.

SQUAMANAGONIC.

Gonic, as it is now called, has always been an important part of Rochester. The following description of this village as it was in 1800, and the diagram on the next page, are from the remembrance of Jonathan H. Henderson, who lived all his life in Gonic.



GONIC IN 1800.

No. 1, at the upper end of the village at the fork of the road leading to Barrington, is the school-house where Mr. Henderson* went to school in 1800, being then in his fifth year (p. 163). The building made over into a dwelling is still standing. In coming from their home just below Gonic, on the road leading to Rochester Neck, the Hendersons passed only four houses:—Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5. No. 2 was the Jonathan Hurd house a few rods this side of Lewis F. Horne's, on the opposite side of the road. Many years afterwards it was moved into the village and occupied by Alexander H. Geer who still owns it. No. 3, just below the residence of the late N. V. Whitehouse (now occupied by his son), is where Elijah Varney built a house about 1776. Some years before he had bought the farm comprised in part of what is now the Factory Company's mill yard and field, and put up a small house afterwards used for a shoe-shop. He was a shoemaker and tanner, and had his bark mill and tan-vats where is now the Factory wood-yard. He did a good business for some years, but went to keeping tavern, till his business was neglected and finally abandoned. This building was torn down about 1878 and the cellar filled up. No. 4 was a house built by Nicholas Varney on a lot given him by his father-in-law, Reuben Heard. It then stood nearly opposite the Demeritt house, now William H. Felker's, but was afterwards moved a short distance below, next to the Rufus Clark house. His father, Thomas Varney, built a blacksmith's shop at No. 11, where a dwelling house now stands, opposite the brick store occupied by Yeaton & Co. His sons, Silas and Nicholas, both worked there. "They mended old traps, repaired gunlocks, and cut nails from Spanish hoops,—made tongs, gridirons, toasters, and such light work." Nicholas sold out and moved to Ossipee. Silas afterwards had a shop at No. 10, nearly opposite where the Bank now is. Henry Tebbetts bought the house and carried on blacksmithing there for some years. His widow married Daniel Newell, who was a famous drummer in his day, and the house is still known as the "Newell house." It is now occupied as a factory tenement house. No. 5 was the old Demeritt house, now occupied

*Jonathan H. Henderson was a man of much note here from 1820 to 1840. He was a schoolmaster,—(a person of much consequence in those days,)—understood surveying, was a militia Captain, in politics an intense Whig, and in religion a pronounced Universalist at a time when Universalism was very unpopular. His later life was somewhat clouded by the drink habit, but he was altogether a man of mark in his time. He died December 20, 1878, aged 83 years.

by William H. Felker, who married Samuel Demeritt's daughter Deborah. It was then a one-story house owned by Reuben Hurd who farmed and tended grist-mill. He was nicknamed "old By-the-Lord," from the frequency with which he used the expression. He went to Ossipee, and "'Squire Dearborn, tavern-keeper from the Plains," took the place. After him came Israel Whitehouse father of the late N. V. Whitehouse, Silas Varney, Ezekiel Hussey, and Samuel Demeritt, before the present owner. No. 6 is the Charles Place house now occupied by his widow. It was built by Micajah Hussey before the present century, but has been greatly improved in the last thirty years. In 1800 Ephraim Hammett lived there. He was a cobbler and also sold rum, "thus mending the soles of some customers and poisoning the souls of others." After him came Stephen Whitehouse, Dearborn Jewett who afterwards built the house occupied for many years by Aaron Clarke (now owned by Col. C. S. Whitehouse), and Silas Varney who died there. Nathaniel Hayes had a house at No. 7. His father owned the farm where Benjamin F. Hayes and his mother now live, together with a large part of the Demeritt farm. Nathaniel might have owned it all, but he went to trading on a few groceries, neglected his farm, and the groceries too, and soon failing was obliged to leave "between two days," in October, 1802. At No. 8 a house was raised and boarded over as early as 1803-4, by Silas Varney. It stood empty for some years without windows or doors, when James Pickering bought it and fitted up a part of it so that he moved in. He traded in a store at No. 9, where the hay-scales formerly stood, now a part of the village square. He had to leave the State on account of some transaction in connection with a lawsuit in which he was engaged, but came back in 1811. He was a Lieutenant under Captain Page, and "at night on muster days would march the Gonic and Neck boys down to the old store, where he treated them to what he called wine drawn from a hog's-head, and drunk from a pint mug and a tin measure." Somewhere about 1825-28 the old store was torn down by a party of citizens in disguise, who had become disgusted and indignant at the performances carried on there. Capt. Phineas Varney bought the house at No. 8, fitted it up, and lived there till about 1814, when he went to sea in the war and never returned. His widow exchanged the place with William Currier for a dwelling and store at North

Berwick. At No. 15 was a small house where Moses Varney, brother of Elijah, lived. He cobbled shoes, and tended the lower grist-mill. Anthony Pickering lived there in 1811-12. Afterwards Paul Ricker lived there for several years. It is now a tenement house of the Gonic company. At No. 13, in rear of where the Bank now is, was a one-story house with only two rooms, owned by one Catlin or Cartland. Thomas Varney bought it, and moved it to the knoll in the McDuffee field near the lower saw-mill. He was lame, one leg being shorter than the other, and was a carpenter, a tailor, and tended grist-mill. After he moved to Alton about 1806, the widow of Samuel Knowles lived here, then Henry Bickford, Jonathan Morrison, and lastly Daniel Hayes, whose wife tended the grist-mill till he sold out and went to Vermont. About 1850-55 the house was burned. Some time before 1804, Edmund Varney, son of Moses and brother of Joel, erected a small building at No. 14, on the spot where the spruce trees now are, in the Whitehouse garden, next to the residence of S. C. Meader, "but afterwards moved it across the path that went to the mill on to the corner above the Evans lot, between the mill-path and the road to the bridge." This last spot was just to the left of the foot-path in the Whitehouse garden. He fitted it up for a store, and put in a hogshead of rum and a few groceries. He had an Ensign's commission under Captain Page. "He failed up and absconded, and was not heard from for years." Benjamin Tuttle had a small house at No. 12, a little in from the willows below the bridge. "He used to go a fishing to the Shoals in warm weather. After he grew old, he went to live with his son." About 1811 William Smith bought the place, and lived there till 1814, when he went privateering and never returned. Job S. Hodgdon married the widow and lived there till they moved "down East." The old house was torn down about 1860 when N. V. Whitehouse began enlarging the factory. No. 16 is the old yellow house which stood in the Whitehouse garden, directly in front of George W. Osborne's store, facing towards the bridge, and was moved by N. V. Whitehouse about 1860 to the lot between Nos. 4 and 11. It is now a factory tenement house. It was originally of one story but was afterwards enlarged and another story added. Thomas Varney built it on land given by the saw-mill proprietors that he might build a blacksmith's shop and do their iron-work. His son

Nicholas took the shop after his death. Benjamin Evans bought the house, kept a small grocery, and did job work till he died, about 1811. John P. Evans took off the roof, moved the building to the upper part of the lot, put on another story and an addition, and painted it yellow. He afterwards went to Macon, Georgia, and one of his descendants became a prominent officer in the Confederate Army of the Rebellion. The old store which stood near No. 9, before mentioned, was built by Howard Henderson in 1792-93. He traded there several years, and was succeeded by his son Jonathan about 1803. After him was Samuel Knowles, who lived in the chambers and died there. Then came James Pickering in 1811, and then Timothy Hurd, who enlisted and went to the Canadian frontier in 1813.

A general "country store" was built by one Spaulding, probably as early as 1820-25, and is now occupied as a store and dwelling-house. Downing Varney, who came to Gonic from Merrill's Corner, Farmington, in 1838, and is still living in the village, occupied it for some years, and after him W. H. Y. Burnham had it till about 1853, when Enoch W. Gray took it. Since Gray's death, in 1874, the store has been managed by his widow, Mrs. Maria Gray. The building is now owned by Meshach T. Drew. In 1873 Nahum Yeaton, now Yeaton & Co., came from Rollinsford and went into the brick business, and in a few years took the Whitehouse brick store. Since then he has become a prosperous business man and an influential citizen. He married Helen Sawyer, daughter of Hon. Thomas E. Sawyer of Dover.

M. A. Hanson, a native of Madbury, after having been in business for a time in Maine, came to Gonic in 1881, and started a shoe manufactory on the Barrington road. He employed about fifty hands with a pay-roll of about \$1,000 per month, and an annual production of twelve hundred cases, valued at \$50,000. In October, 1888, he sold to N. B. Thayer & Co., and removed to Charlottesville, Va., the following April. Thayer remained only a short time and went to Milton.

Brick-making was one of the earliest as well as most important industries of Rochester. There are signs of brickyards long since disused scattered all over the town, indicating that the early settlers opened a yard wherever a clay-bank cropped out, to supply

the wants of the immediate neighborhood. Naturally the clay-beds at Squamanagonic (p. 14), were very early utilized for this purpose — how early it is impossible to say. Two yards have certainly been continuously operated for more than a hundred years: — the one near Walker's bridge, and the other near the bridge in Gonic. Seventy-five years ago the former was known as the "Hoyt yard," from the man who worked it; and the other as the "Gonic brick-yard." A man by the name of Hurd carried it on about that time, and among the old-time brick-makers at this yard were also Anthony Pickering, Aaron Clarke, and Israel Varney. Fifty years ago N. V. Whitehouse operated it for a number of years. Since then it has been carried on by various parties, changing almost every year. E. D. & H. H. Elliott, brothers, took the "Hoyt yard" in 1880, and are still doing a large business. Ritchie & Osborne have two brickyards with an annual product of several millions. In 1873 Nahum Yeaton started a new brickyard near the Boston & Maine Railroad depot, and has been very successful. Anderson & Cochrane have three yards producing annually some ten million brick. The Richardson yard near the Nashua railroad also does a large business. The annual brick product of Rochester is more than thirty millions, which is claimed to be "more than in any other town in New Hampshire, and with one exception, perhaps, than in any other town in New England."

Mills were early established at Gonic, but there seems to be no data from which to determine when the first mill was built. Mr. Henderson, mentioned above, remembered hearing of a great freshet which carried away the upper saw-mill in 1785. It was soon rebuilt, to be again swept away in 1805. The grist-mill at the upper fall was rebuilt early in the century by Ebenezer Tebbetts and Samuel Downing, and again in 1825 by Tebbetts and Richmond Henderson, who put in a carding machine. Elijah Roberts was the master builder, and Levi Leighton of Farmington built the saw-mill. He put in the first wheel to run the carriage back that was ever known in this vicinity. "Before that they used to tread back with the feet." Mr. Henderson also remembered his father's sawing in "an old rickety mill," when he could lie down and take a nap while the saw was cutting a run.

Some facts in regard to the woolen manufacture at Gonic have already been given (p. 359).

THE GONIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

BY HON. CHARLES S. WHITEHOUSE.

Among the many industries that give character to the town of Rochester and contribute to its material prosperity and influence, woolen manufacture stands pre-eminent. From small beginnings it has grown and expanded to proportions large and beneficent. Woolen factories as they exist at the present time, especially like the mills in Rochester, are seldom large concerns at the start. They are oftener the product of some modest enterprise, and grow from small beginnings, expanding and widening their power and influences as their projectors gain in experience; and when managed with skill, tact, and perseverance become a source of profit to the owners and great benefit to the community.

The natural water powers of Norway Plains, East Rochester, and Gonic have been greatly developed in the last thirty years. To-day the three corporations in town give direct employment to a thousand operatives, disburse more than a quarter of a million dollars every year for labor alone, use nearly three and a half million pounds of wool, and produce a variety of goods valued not less than two million dollars annually. The indirect benefit to this community derived from such an industry is beyond estimate. The employment of so many people and the monthly disbursement of so much money naturally draws within the circle of its influence many other industries of great good to the public. It gives employment to hundreds in other vocations, makes a home market for the products of the farm and shop, stimulates other industries, increases the population, and in its train brings improved schools, more churches, greater intelligence, higher civilization, and consequently enlarged facilities for enjoyment and happiness. Their permanency, when once established, is another important consideration in estimating their public value. Unlike many other industries, when once put in operation they must be kept going. They cannot start up and run when business is good, and shut down when depressed to wait for improved times. Once started they must be kept going, or bankruptcy to the immediate owners is the result. The large and expensive buildings and motive power required, the great variety of costly machinery



used, the innumerable details which a first-class establishment demands, and more than all else the skilled labor which is necessary in the different departments and which requires many years to collect and educate,—all this and these contribute to a woolen mill's stability and permanence. Hence large capital is necessary to carry a concern along through dull times, shrewd business capacity and constant familiarity with the daily fluctuation in prices in order to purchase raw materials to advantage, good judgment in forecasting the wants of the market, and above and over all a constant, unwearied vigilance and oversight in all the complicated details of manufacturing is absolutely essential to success. What a debt of obligation does the town owe to the pioneers in this industry, as well as to their successors who have continued this source of prosperity to its people! Such men as Nicholas V. Whitehouse, John D. Sturtevant, Nathaniel D. Wetmore, Isaac W. Springfield, John Hall, and the firm of Parker, Wilder & Co. of Boston, and men like these, are more than successful business men, they are public benefactors.

THE GONIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY (an illustration of the principal buildings of which is shown) was the second in town to develop into a woolen factory, the Norway Plains Company being the first. As a producer of woolen goods for the general market it dates back to 1838. Prior to that time, and in fact up to 1848, the water power was used largely for a saw-mill, grist-mill, and some other industries required by the wants of the immediate neighborhood. From 1840 to 1848 two sets of machinery were run, making satinets and bockings, but mainly woolen flannels. In 1848 the whole concern was swept away by fire. In the year following, however, a new mill was built and equipped with four sets of machinery to make woolen flannels exclusively. From this date to 1859 it was owned and managed by the late N. V. Whitehouse, but that year an act of incorporation was obtained, with a capital of \$50,000, the Whitehouse family and the firm of Parker, Wilder & Co. being its stockholders. N. V. Whitehouse was its first president, and Samuel B. Rindge and Marshall P. Wilder, with himself, were the directors. Mr. Whitehouse was its agent and so continued till 1877, when the whole interest of the concern merged into the possession of Parker, Wilder & Co., its present owners. From 1848 to 1859 there were

many improvements made, and many additions to the buildings and machinery. A great variety of goods were produced, principally flannels. The mill built in 1849, and still standing, was quite a pretentious affair for those days. The bricks were made in the present mill yard, and the lumber cut in Strafford and the immediate vicinity. It is fifty-one feet wide, eighty-one long, and three stories high, besides basement story and spacious attic. The wool-scouring and finishing was done in the basement, the weaving in the first story, spinning in the second, picking and carding in the third, while the attic was used for storage of wool. Such were its uses when first started up. Since then its uses have been radically changed by reason of building the large mill, and a consequent re-arrangement of the machinery. In the years 1863-65 very extensive improvements were projected, such as excavating a canal race-way below the falls, by which the fall of water was increased about three feet, two granite wheel-pits constructed, and the foundation laid for the large mill on the river bank. This foundation is very substantial, commencing nine feet below the surface of the ground, six feet wide at the bottom, and three feet at the top, built of solid granite blocks laid in cement. On the foundation is the granite underpinning on which is the brick-work. The main building is fifty-four feet wide, one hundred and twenty long, and four stories high, each story eleven feet six inches high, the whole connected with the old or 1849 mill by a wing thirty-four by sixty-four feet. An octagon stair-tower fourteen feet in diameter gives access to the several stories in the large mill. The brick walls are built with pilasters between the windows, and are of unusual thickness in order to give solidity and strength, the first and second stories being twenty inches thick, the third sixteen, and the fourth twelve. The roof is flat, covered with tar and gravel. It is admirably lighted, having no less than forty-eight windows in each story with twenty-four lights of 10×14 glass to each window, and there being no contiguous buildings or trees, it is "light as out doors." It is safe to say it is as fair a specimen of a woolen mill of its size as exists anywhere, — solid, substantial, light, and convenient. At the end of the wing where it connects with the old mill is the substantial wheel-house, in which are two powerful turbine wheels, thirty-six inches in diameter, under nineteen feet "head and fall," capable of furnishing about one hundred

and fifty horse power, sufficient for driving all the machinery. A large steam engine, however, of 175 horse power is provided for times of low water, or in case of any derangement of the water wheels. Within the past ten years, under the present ownership, many important alterations, improvements, and additions have been made, resulting in increased production, better processes of manufacture, and consequently a higher standard of excellence in the goods. As at present arranged, the wool-sorting, the scouring and drying of both wool and cloth, the burling, brushing, pressing, and packing, besides the running of forty-four broad looms, is done in the old mill. The picking of the scoured wool is done in the upper story of the wing, by a large Sargent burring machine, and ordinary wool-picker. The card-room is in the third story of the large mill and contains twelve sets of Davis & Furber machines, three cards to a set, and averages from 1,500 to 1,600 pounds of roving a day. The spinning is done in the second and fourth stories in both large mill and wing, on nineteen self-operating mules and jacks with 4,880 spindles, turning off an average of 1,450 pounds of fine yarn a day. The spooling and dressing of warps is done on the first and second floor of the wing. The weaving, besides the forty-four looms in the old mill, is by forty-eight looms on the first floor of the large mill, a large part being of the Knowles pattern with drop-box at each end of the lay, and from two to twenty-four harnesses to each. The brick boiler-house, 46×56 feet, was built in 1883, and has two six-foot boilers furnishing steam for heating the building and for all the various processes of scouring and finishing the goods, and having sufficient capacity to run the engine when required. A dry-house 30×90 feet was built in 1886, and a wool and cloth scouring building 52×72 feet in 1889, both fully equipped with every facility for doing first class work. A large storehouse, 45×105 feet, two stories high, is used for the storage of stock and supplies. On the opposite side of the river is the machine and repair shop and lumber shed, while on the old Currier privilege, a short distance below, is a mill for sawing lumber and making the cases for the goods. A powerful steam pump, and another connected with the water wheels, with stand-pipes, sprinklers, and an ample supply of hose, affords the necessary protection against fire. Everything in and about the mills is of the best,—every appliance to increase the

production or perfect the quality of the goods has been adopted, and everything for the comfort, safety, and convenience of the operatives is provided for.

The goods made are designed largely for women's wear and comprise an endless variety of shades, colors, and mixes, and have an excellent reputation in the markets of the country. The yearly production is over 900,000 yards, valued at nearly \$400,000. The consumption of raw wool is over 700,000 pounds a year, all of fine grade. More than \$20,000 worth of drugs and dyes are consumed yearly. The number of names on the pay-roll will average about one hundred and eighty, with \$5,000 monthly wages. Payment is made every two weeks. The six or eight different departments are managed by as many different overseers, Stephen C. Meader being the resident agent. Besides the mills, the company have thirty neat and attractive tenements for the use of the operatives and a fine residence for its agent. The grounds about the mills and the agent's house are nicely graded and all the surroundings kept neat and clean. The owners give generously to all local charities and public improvements and show a wise and liberal interest in everything that conduces to the prosperity and welfare of the village and its people.

The first officials of the company were N. V. Whitehouse, Marshall P. Wilder, and Samuel B. Rindge, directors; Ezra Farnsworth being treasurer, and Charles S. Whitehouse, clerk. N. V. Whitehouse was also agent, and continued a director till 1877. Benjamin Phipps was made treasurer in November, 1868, and has held the position ever since. Ezra Farnsworth succeeded N. V. Whitehouse as a director, and in 1881 the venerable Marshall P. Wilder retired and was succeeded by William H. Sherman. May 3, 1883, Samuel B. Rindge died, and Col. Francis J. Parker of Boston succeeded him. The present officials are therefore Ezra Farnsworth, William H. Sherman, and Francis J. Parker, directors; Benjamin Phipps, treasurer; and Stephen C. Meader, clerk and agent.

For nearly fifty years the firm of Parker, Wilder & Co. has been an important factor in the town's progress. Their capital has helped make Gonic and East Rochester two thriving villages. Their wise methods and discreet management have established a great industry on a permanent basis. Their business integrity and



individual prominence have reflected credit on the town. Rochester may well congratulate itself that such men are identified with its business prosperity.

This sketch would be incomplete without special mention of one whose whole life has been spent in the employ of the Gonic company, and to whose conscientious faithfulness the present standing of the company is in no small degree indebted. STEPHEN CHASE MEADER, the present agent, comes of a family who for four generations have been prominent and worthy citizens of Rochester.

John Meader, the ancestor of all American Meaders, came from England in 1650, and settled at Oyster river, between Portsmouth and Dover, where he had a land grant, in 1656. One of his sons, *Nathaniel*, who was killed by the Indians in 1704, had a son *Daniel* among others, and seven at least of Daniel's sons settled in Rochester about 1750-60. At first came *Benjamin*, *Nathaniel*, *Elijah*, and *Jonathan*, and took up lands in that part of the town known ever since as Meaderborough. A few years later they were followed by *Joseph*, *Lemuel*, and *Jedediah*, who settled in the immediate vicinity of the other brothers. Some of the other descendants of *Nathaniel* and his son *Daniel* about this time (1750-60) went to Nantucket and settled there. *Benjamin*, the son of *Daniel* mentioned above, had a son *Stephen*, who was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. *Stephen* was born at Rochester in 1782, and lived on the farm near Meaderborough Corner, which is still in the possession of his son *Benjamin*. He married *Sarah Whitehouse* and had a large family of children:—*Tobias*, *Hanson*, *Jonathan*, *Levi*, *Asa*, *Mehitable*, and *Benjamin*. He died March 20, 1858. He was a firm disciple of the Society of Friends or Quakers, as nearly all the Meaders have been,—a kind-hearted, estimable man and neighbor, a worthy, influential citizen, and a true and stanch friend.

Levi, the fourth son of *Stephen*, was born in Rochester, February 4, 1813, and married *Amanda Eastman* of Peacham, Vt., in 1837. Their children were *Stephen C.*, *Valentine E.*, *Charles H.*, *Sarah F.*, *George E.*, *Julia E.*, *John E.*, and *Walter S.* He was a genial-hearted man, full of a sly humor which bubbled over in spite of himself. He enjoyed a joke or witticism keenly, and was quick with a rejoinder. Sturdily built, possessed of an iron constitution and great physical strength, he liked nothing better than to lay

aside for the time his Quaker coat and have a friendly wrestling bout with whoever had the temerity to "tackle him," and seldom came off second. He took great interest in town affairs, and was an energetic and influential worker in politics. He was twice elected to represent the town in the State Legislature. He died September 25, 1885.

STEPHEN C., the subject of this sketch, was born in Rochester December 14, 1840, and during boyhood lived on the farm with his parents, attending the district school and laying the foundation of a strong, healthy physique. When he was about fourteen years old his father moved to Gonic village, in part to get better educational advantages for his large family. Here young Stephen, in the intervals of the village schools, worked in the mill. In 1857 he entered the Friends' school in Providence, Rhode Island, where he remained nearly four years. He was a diligent student, excelling in mathematics and chemistry. He has always had a strong love for the latter, and had he continued in this line would have made a reputation as a practical chemist. In 1861 he completed his school life at Providence, returned to Gonic and entered the mill in the employ of the late N. V. Whitehouse, working in various parts of the mill, but principally in the finishing and dyeing rooms. From this time forward his mastery of the details of manufacturing was rapid. His methodical habits and quick insight into the various processes, united to good judgment and faithfulness, hastened his promotion to dyer, finisher, superintendent, and finally, to the position of agent, to which last place he was formally appointed in June, 1881.

Like his father and his brother John, he has been twice elected to represent the town in the State Legislature. The prominent points of his character are quiet, unobtrusive ways, decision, firmness, and a conscientious regard to duty; always seeking for the best results and shaping the means at his command with excellent judgment to obtain them; constantly alive to the requirements of the position he holds, and of indefatigable industry and perseverance. While holding to the ancient faith of a long line of ancestors as a member of the Quaker fraternity, he is liberal to all religious denominations, and a generous contributor to the support of the village church. He is a judicious helper in all educational and moral purposes for the good of the community in which he

lives. In the prime of a matured manhood, his future usefulness to the town, his associates, and his family, can only be measured by the years he may live. He married Effie Seavey of Rochester, September 20, 1870, and has one child, Gertrude, born June 18, 1875.

THE UNION HOTEL at Gonic was originally a small dwelling-house with an addition used as a village store, built perhaps as early as 1840. In 1854, and perhaps before, Enoch W. Gray occupied it as a dwelling and store. He sold it to Downing Varney, who some time prior to 1860 sold it to Moody Cavender. Cavender used it as a boarding-house for factory operatives till 1861, when he enlarged the buildings, and opened the "Union Hotel." After three or four years he sold to his brother-in-law, John W. Varney, who further enlarged and improved it, continuing it as a hotel and boarding-house until his death, October 1, 1877. Varney was a jovial, genial-hearted man, witty and bright, and made the house very popular. After his death it had John E. Meader, Frank Drew, and John W. Foss as landlords at different times. In December, 1881, the Gonic Manufacturing Company bought the property, and have since used it principally as a boarding-house, still keeping it open as a hotel. Since they took the house, Philander Varney has been the landlord, and has a well-earned reputation for hospitality.

A postoffice was established at Gonic, January 28, 1851, with Charles S. Whitehouse as postmaster. His successors in office have been as follows:—Downing Varney, appointed December 27, 1856; Henry W. Locke, August 2, 1861; E. F. Whitehouse, March 13, 1862; Charles S. Whitehouse, October 2, 1865; Frank H. Gray, July 29, 1885; and Charles M. Horne, May 13, 1889. The gross receipts of this office from March 5 to June 30, 1851, were \$36.75; from July 1 to September 30, 1889, \$148.56. In 1889 there were received at this office the following periodicals:—21 dailies; 317 weeklies; 27 monthlies; and 100 transient.

EAST ROCHESTER.

A saw and grist mill was built here by the early settlers, and owned in twenty-four shares of a day's work each. In 1825 Stephen Shorey (p. 282) began running the mill. He had married a Corson, and the Corsons and Shoreys together owned several shares. The mill was a good deal run down, and many of the owners valued it but little. Jeremiah H. Woodman bought up a majority of the shares and compelled the rest to repair. He then sold to the Great Falls Manufacturing Company, and they bought out the other owners. About 1834 they let it to Abram Folsom, who began the manufacture of chairs. Deacon Shorey, who had built a new saw and grist mill in 1836, bought out Folsom's lease in 1845, and continued the chair business for about twenty years, making from three to four thousand chairs a year. In 1855 the mill was burned, and by permission of the Great Falls Company, Deacon Shorey rebuilt, owning the building himself. The new mill was three stories high and one hundred and four feet long. In 1862 it was changed into a cotton mill, of which Shorey owned one half, but sold soon after. The business was carried on by Oren W. Davis, Hatch Downs, and Charles W. Willey. When cotton went up in war time, they sold what they had and began on woolens, but not succeeding, sold out to the Cochecho Company in 1868. Stephen Shorey built another saw-mill further down the river in 1862, which he soon after sold to the same company.

John Hall and I. W. Springfield built a mill on the Maine side of the river, about 1850, beginning with one set of machinery. After a few years Mr. Hall left, and Mr. Springfield continued the business, increasing the machinery to three sets, and was burnt out in 1857.

When Stephen Shorey came here in 1825, the only house in East Rochester was that of Elijah Tibbitts. At his death in 1879, it had become a thriving village of six hundred inhabitants.

Stephen Shorey had a "country store" in his house as early as 1843. In 1864 he built a store which he sold in 1867 to Shackford Hart. He was followed in 1869 by Mr. Swett, who sold after one year to James Walker, from Great Falls, who is doing a large business. Stephen Shorey also opened a grocery store in 1853, and was followed by Charles W. Brown who sold

to Herbert T. McCrillis in 1881. George L. Hayes opened a grocery store as agent for F. Ayer & Co. of Boston about 1877. In 1887 Mr. Hayes built a store and has a flourishing business. The old stand is occupied by Abbott & Webber. A drug store was opened in 1877 by Stephen F. Shorey. In 1879 E. L. Faunce began business in dry and fancy goods, which his widow continued till 1885, and then sold to A. L. Richards. Mrs. Annie S. Smith from Farmington opened a millinery shop in 1888. H. Kimball had a fruit and confectionery store which he sold to W. W. Sinclair in 1887.

A. S. Towle set up the business of carriage and sleigh making in 1880. In 1888 Jennings & Stevens from Epping came to East Rochester and started a box-shop and general lumber business. They use about a thousand feet a day for boxes.

In the fall of 1873 the citizens of East Rochester met at Eben Varney's store, and decided to build a shoe-factory, with shares at one hundred dollars each. Eben Varney, Stephen Shorey, and Bryant Peavey took five shares each, and John W. Tibbetts three shares. Other subscribers increased the number to fifty-six, fifty-one of which were eventually paid in. The building was erected the following spring, at a cost of \$8,688.73. About a year later Manny & All of Boston hired it with the understanding that they should have it rent free for five years, provided they would stay so long, and carry on a certain amount of business. But after running about six months they failed, and the building lay idle for nearly three years. In October, 1878, John D. Fogg of Springvale, Me., and Henry J. Vinal of Boston, Mass., bought the concern for \$2,500, and began the manufacture of Alaska boots, employing about fifty hands. The pay-roll was then about \$2,000 a month, and rose to \$8,700 a month in 1888. The business of the first year was \$80,000; for 1888 it was \$260,000. In 1883 the building was enlarged one third, and \$20,000 worth of new machinery put in. In November, 1888, a business connection was made with E. & A. Mudge of Boston. In the Fall of 1889 the factory was closed, and the business removed to Springvale, Me.

John D. Fogg was born at Deerfield, March 1, 1842; married, October 19, 1870, Phebe S. Veazie of Quincy, Mass. He was for several years in the shoe business at Springvale, Me., before coming to East Rochester. He has built eight houses in this village, which owes much to his enterprise and energy.

THE COCHECO MILLS, EAST ROCHESTER, N. H.

BY EVERETT M. SINCLAIR, ESQ.

In 1862 John Hall came to this village, and after some talk with Stephen Shorey it was settled that Shorey should build a mill, and Hall would hire the building and put in woolen machinery. Mr. Shorey had long entertained a hope that a woolen mill might be in successful operation here, and had tried to persuade I. W. Springfield to locate in this place instead of Wolfborough. Shortly after the conversation with Mr. Hall he began work on the canal, and having erected the building now known as No. 1 Mill, Mr. Hall hired the same for a term of ten years, and placed therein four sets of woolen machinery. In November, 1862, the machinery was put into the mill; the first wool was carded in December; the first loom started January 1, 1863, and in February the first finished goods were sent to market.

At this time Samuel B. Rindge, of the firm of Parker, Wilder & Co., Boston, suggested to Mr. Hall the idea of forming a stock company. After consultation with N. V. Whitehouse of Gonic, it was decided to carry this suggestion into effect, and a company was formed, consisting of John Hall, N. V. Whitehouse, S. B. Rindge, C. S. Whitehouse, E. F. Whitehouse, Larkin Harrington, and Jonathan Overand. On petition of the above-named gentlemen, the Legislature granted an act of incorporation to carry on the woolen business under the name of the Cochecho Woolen Manufacturing Company. Their first meeting was held in the little old counting room on July 30, 1863, to accept the act of incorporation, which was passed June 24, and to adopt by-laws, elect officers, etc. N. V. Whitehouse, John Hall, and S. B. Rindge were chosen directors; Benjamin Phipps, of the firm of Parker, Wilder & Co., treasurer; and Larkin Harrington, clerk. The first annual meeting was held November 19, at which the officers and stockholders were all present. The report showed that during the year they had purchased of Stephen Shorey the mill and all the stock and fixtures, together with much of the land whereon the plant now rests. After the meeting adjourned they repaired to the boarding-house kept by Mrs. Maria Parshley, and sat down to their first annual dinner. Of those present that day, only three

are now living, John Hall, C. S. Whitehouse, and Benjamin Phipps, the latter of whom has been elected treasurer for twenty-six consecutive years, and has been present at every annual meeting. This can be said of no other officer or stockholder. Col. C. S. Whitehouse is the only one of the original seven who retains an interest in the mills, Mr. Hall having sold out several years ago.

Jonathan Overand and E. F. Whitehouse were both removed by death in the month of August, 1865. Mr. Overand was killed by falling from an open door-way in the attic of the mill, a heavy warp beam, which he was rolling to the door, falling with him. He lived but two hours after being taken to his home, and his was the first grave dug in the new cemetery at Rochester.

Mr. Whitehouse was drowned near the Isles of Shoals on the 28th day of the same month (p. 366). N. V. Whitehouse died at his home in Gonic, November 21, 1878 (p. 364).

Samuel B. Rindge, the principal owner, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., May 3, 1883, of congestion of the brain. Mr. Rindge was born in that city December 26, 1820, and when but sixteen years of age entered the employ of Parker, Blanchard & Wilder of Boston, and by close application to work, and faithfulness to the interests of his employers, he was admitted as partner in the concern. At the time of his death he held many important and responsible positions in the business world. He was a man of sterling qualities and untiring industry. His judgment in business affairs was seldom at fault, and his advice was much sought after by others. He was honest and faithful in the discharge of every duty which lay before him, and true to every obligation which he assumed. To all men he was ever kind and courteous, and the humblest workman always found in him a friend. He was truly a benefactor to the poor and unfortunate, and no more sincere mourners at his death were found than among the operatives in the Cochecho Mills. At the time of his death he had accumulated a property estimated at one and one half millions.

Larkin Harrington died at his home in Lexington, Mass., August 7, 1886. He was born at that place April 17, 1826. November 22, 1864, he married Miss Elizabeth L. Chesley of Rochester. Mr. Harrington came to East Rochester in the spring of 1863, and, as already stated, was elected clerk of the company. He took a lively interest in educational, moral, and religious works. He was the postmaster in this village during a part of 1870-71. In

1865 he built the house where J. D. Fogg now resides. On account of poor health he resigned the position of clerk and paymaster of the Cocheco Woolen Manufacturing Company in November, 1874, and at the annual meeting on the 19th of that month, Sidney B. Hayes was elected to that position, which he still holds. In 1864 the company built No. 2 Mill, of brick, and put in four more sets of machinery, which were put in operation in January, 1865. Prior to this time many of the tenement houses had been built, but owing to an increase of their work it was thought best to build more, and offer inducements to overseers and help to build houses of their own, as dwelling-houses in the village were very scarce at that time. In 1868 they fitted up the saw-mill and chair-factory which they bought of Stephen Shorey in 1863, and added still another four sets of machinery. This is known as No. 3 Mill, and the work carried on is carding, spinning, and weaving, the finishing being done at No. 2 Mill. At the head of the canal is also situated the box factory and planing-mill, where are made the boxes, or cases, in which the goods are shipped. Since No. 3 Mill was put into operation six more sets of machinery have been placed in Nos. 1 and 2 Mills, making eighteen sets in all. One hundred and six broad looms are employed to do the weaving. On the class of goods now manufactured about nine thousand pounds of the finished product are turned off weekly.

John Hall held the position of agent from the organization of the company until July, 1875, when he resigned, and C. S. Whitehouse was appointed in his place. During the time Mr. Whitehouse was agent many improvements were made about the grounds and buildings. The row of fine maples on Front street was set out under his direction, making the street one of the most beautiful in the village. Mr. Hall went abroad, and was gone five years. On his return May 5, 1880, he was again appointed agent, Mr. Whitehouse having resigned some time previous. Mr. Hall held the position this time but two years, resigning July 31, 1882, and Charles E. Manson was appointed in his place, having served two years as superintendent. Thomas H. Gotts was superintendent under Mr. Manson until January 1, 1884, at which time Everett M. Sinclair was elected to that position, which he still holds.

In 1884 the company built the new brick counting room which they now occupy, and in 1886 the large brick weaving shed was



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MILLS OF COCHECO WOOLEN MANUF'G CO., EAST ROCHESTER.



erected. The roof is self-supported, so that the weave-room presents an uninterrupted view 168×72 feet.

There are six persons now employed by the company whose names appeared on the first pay-roll, in January, 1863, and are as follows:—Francis Gotts, Richard Bocoock, Charles A. Jones, Lavina (Knipe) Smith, Clara Gotts, and Mary J. Rogers. Francis Gotts and Charles A. Jones have never left the employ of the company from that time to this, and the others have only been out for a short time. The first pay-roll contained sixty-seven names and amounted to \$1,000 for a month. It now contains two hundred and twenty-five names, and for the same length of time amounts to \$6,700.

The first overseers were as follows:—Carding, Thomas Ingham; spinning, James G. Jones; weaving, Jonathan Overand; dyeing, Charles F. Parker; finishing, John Ashworth; wool-sorting, Francis Gotts. At the present time they are as follows:—Carding, W. H. Adams and W. H. Loud; spinning, J. R. Agnew and Corydon Sleeper; weaving, S. T. Sinclair and G. E. Manson; finishing, F. R. Bean; dyeing, J. O'Donnell; dressing, E. H. Davis; sorting, Francis Gotts; picking, Andrew McElroy; repairs, Joy W. Barker.

On January 1, 1887, the Rindge Relief Fund was established. This was the generous gift of Frederick H. Rindge, son of S. B. Rindge, who, on the date above mentioned, placed in the hands of trustees elected by the operatives, the sum of \$5,000, with a promise to add \$1,000 annually, so long as the conditions mentioned in a circular, were adhered to. The conditions were that all operatives in the employ of the company at that time, and who from that time should live virtuous, temperate, and industrious lives, and from any cause should be unable to earn the necessities of life, should receive benefits from the fund. The trustees elected at that time were F. W. Corson, S. T. Sinclair, and Thomas Ingham.

In the summer of 1887 the company fitted up the old counting room for a reading room and library, and gave the free use of same, furnishing fuel for heating, so long as it should be used for the purpose above mentioned. The counting room was built in 1866, shortly after No. 2 Mill was completed, and when the new brick office was built in 1884 the old one was hauled to Main street, opposite the Glendon House, and contains as fine a reading room

and library as is often found in larger places. It is supported by the public.

The company have eight single and thirteen double tenements, and two blocks containing eight and four tenements each.

The Glendon House was opened at East Rochester in July, 1878, by John W. Tibbetts, the present proprietor. Ten years later he enlarged, putting in steam and other modern improvements.

A postoffice was established at East Rochester, June 2, 1863, and Stephen F. Shorey appointed postmaster. His successors in office have been as follows:—Moses S. Hurd, appointed April 13, 1865; S. S. Hart, July 8, 1867; Larkin Harrington, December 22, 1870; James Walker, May 16, 1871; A. H. Deland, September 1, 1885; Alphonso D. Gerrish, July 2, 1886; and Willis W. Sinclair, March 19, 1888. The revenue of this office for the first year was \$34.99. In one quarter of 1889, there were sold \$229 worth of stamps; 107 money orders were sent, amounting to \$955; and 97 postal notes were issued.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Besides the many large manufactories, five hotels, four railroads, four banks, and three postoffices, accounts of which have already been given, the following summary, though far from exact, will serve to give a general impression of the business of Rochester in 1890. Including the three villages, there are six dry goods stores; seven for millinery and fancy goods; five for merchant tailoring, clothing, and gentlemen's furnishings; five boot and shoe stores; seventeen groceries; six meat markets; one fish market; three bakeries; three restaurants; three fruit and confectionery stores; one candy manufactory; two carpet stores; two hardware stores; two tin shops; several variety stores; five drug stores; three jewelers; three dealers in coal, wood, hay, etc.; two ice dealers; three laundries; two photographers; two harness shops; one marble and monument shop; three express companies; and seven livery stables. These various establishments represent an annual business of not less than a million dollars. Add to these the farming, banking, railroad, and various manufacturing interests, and the annual business of the whole town cannot fall short of three or four millions.

CHAPTER XVI.

POLITICAL.

“The freeman casting with unpurchased hand
The vote that shakes the pillars of the land.”

“The crowning fact,
The kingliest act
Of Freedom, is the freeman’s vote.”

WE are told that our fathers came to found “a church without a bishop, a state without a king,” but evidently neither church nor state can exist without some supreme authority from which there is no appeal. Under God, whom they regarded as king of kings both in church and in state, our fathers considered the people themselves as supreme. They acknowledged no man or body of men as their rulers. They permitted no authority to come between themselves and God. The church was their model for the state. As to them the highest and only human authority in the Church was the local congregation of believers, so the highest and only authority in the State was the *Town Meeting*. Not Presidents, Governors, Judges, Legislatures, nor Congress, but the *People* in their local meetings possess the supreme power in our land. The town meeting is the only pure Democracy. It is the fountain head of all law and authority in the Nation. So while good citizens look with abhorrence on all attempts to subvert justice in courts of law, or to change state or national legislation by bribery or other corrupt methods, they are more indignant to see the votes of the people in town meeting tampered with by purchase, fraud, or intimidation. This is high treason against the sovereignty of the people. As loyal subjects bare the head in presence of their king, so all loyal citizens of our free Republic should reverently recognize the majesty of the people assembled to exercise their kingly rights in the town meeting.

The design of this chapter is to present the sovereign edicts of the town of Rochester in the election of principal officers, and in

votes upon subjects of special importance to Town, State, or Nation.

The political bias of the town from time to time is perhaps best shown by a statement of the votes at each presidential election. In 1788 New Hampshire was entitled to five electors. The people were not yet divided into parties. There were no nominating caucuses, and consequently little or no concert of action. The vote of the State was so scattered that there was no choice, and the electors were chosen by the Legislature. Rochester cast thirty votes, all of which were for John Sullivan, General Bellows, General Stark, General Reed, and General Cilley. Sullivan and Bellows were among those elected by the Legislature, and all the electors voted for Washington and Adams. The small vote of Rochester was not wholly owing to unanimity of feeling for Washington, but to the fact that there were no working political organizations. In voting for governor this same year the town had cast 378 votes. It was not until the sixth Presidential election that the vote for electors nearly equalled the Governor vote in this town. There was no political excitement before the elections, and but little allusion to the subject in the newspapers. In 1792 New Hampshire had six electors. The Rochester vote was:—Judge Thompson, 52; John McDuffee, 53; President Bartlett, 53; General Bellows, 52; John T. Gilman, 45; Col. T. Badger, 28; and General Cilley, 23. There was no choice and a second trial took place November 12, when Rochester cast 22 votes each, for President Bartlett, John T. Gilman, Benjamin Bellows, Jonathan Freeman, John Pickering, and Ebenezer Thompson. Again there was no choice, and the Legislature appointed the six just named, all of whom voted for Washington and Adams. In 1796 the "Republican" and "Federal" parties had become somewhat organized although party lines were not strictly observed. The Rochester vote stood as follows:—Ebenezer Thompson, Esq., 63; General Bellows, 26; Governor Gilman, 26; Oliver Peabody, 14; Timothy Farrar, Esq., 21; Joseph Badger, Jun., 16; Christopher Tappan, Esq., 9; Bezaliel Woodward, Esq., 8; and John Godard, Esq., 1. The last five of these were elected and voted for John Adams and Oliver Ellsworth. For the Presidential election of 1800 no vote of this town is on record. In 1804 the electors chosen for New Hampshire voted for Thomas Jefferson and George Clinton, the Republican candidates, and the vote of Rochester was,

Republican, 104; Federal, 24. In 1808 the state vote was given to the Federal candidate, Charles E. Pinckney, but Rochester voted 189 Republican, and 61 Federal. In 1812 New Hampshire chose eight electors who voted for De Witt Clinton, the Federal candidate. Rochester cast 218 Republican, and 77 Federal votes. In 1816 the vote of the State was given to the Republican candidate, James Monroe. Rochester voted 205 Republican, and 56 Federal. The time of the ninth Presidential election, in 1820, has been called the "era of good feeling," the whole electoral vote being cast for James Monroe, except that of Governor Plumer of New Hampshire, who voted for John Quincy Adams. He explained his course by saying it was not from any dislike to Monroe, but because he wished to prevent any other man than Washington having the compliment of a unanimous vote. In Rochester five candidates on the Republican ticket received 69 votes each; William Plumer had 48; David Barker had 65; while on the Federal ticket, Moses Hale had 20, William Hale 19, and the rest one vote each. In 1824 John Quincy Adams received the vote of New Hampshire, and the 73 votes of Rochester were all cast for the Adams ticket. In 1828 the question was Adams or Jackson, and there was more violent partisanship than ever before. In Rochester the Adams party opened the "glorious Fourth" with a salute of thirteen guns. Then a procession under William G. Webster as marshal, escorted by the Artillery Company under Capt. William Hurd, marched to the old meeting-house on the common, which had been profusely decorated for the occasion. Hon. Nathaniel Upham was president of the day. The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. Isaac Willey, and were interspersed with select pieces of music. The "Declaration" was read by John P. Hale. Hon. David Barker, Jr., delivered an oration, afterwards published, in which he reviewed the issues of the day, and the past and present condition of political parties. The celebration closed with a sumptuous dinner at Lowell Kenney's hall, followed by toasts and speeches from almost everybody in Rochester, Barrington, and Farmington. The Adams party carried the State, and though Rochester had voted for the Jackson party by twenty majority in March, the Presidential vote was 227 for Adams and 225 for Jackson. In 1832 the parties had become definitely organized as Whigs and Democrats. The

State went for Jackson, and the Rochester vote was 239 Democrat; 165 Whig. In 1836 there was very little interest, less than half the voters taking part. Both State and town went Democratic, the Rochester vote standing 175 for Van Buren, and 22 for Harrison. In 1840 came the exciting campaign of "log cabin and hard cider" memories, resulting in the usual Democratic victory in the State, but carrying the town 263 for Harrison against 229 for Van Buren. From this time the slavery question began to be a prominent political issue. In 1844 the State went for Polk, and the Rochester vote was Polk, 217; Clay, 215; and Birney, 39. In 1848 the state vote was for Lewis Cass. Rochester voted Democrat, 195; Whig, 147; Free Soil, 37; and Independent Democrat, 9. In 1852 Franklin Pierce received the vote of the State, and Rochester cast 269 votes for Pierce, 206 for Scott, and 64 for Hale. In 1856 the Democrats failed to carry the State for the first time in twenty-five years, and from that time to the present New Hampshire has voted for a Republican President. The Rochester vote was 392 for Fremont, 309 for Buchanan, and 4 for Fillmore. Since then the Presidential votes in Rochester have been as follows:—In 1860, Lincoln, 376; Douglas, 268; Breckinridge, 22; Bell, 2. In 1864, Lincoln, 404; McClellan, 343. In 1868, Grant, 479; Seymour, 318. In 1872, Grant, 456; Greeley, 340; Black, 20; O'Connor, 1. In 1876, Hayes, 669; Tilden, 556. In 1880, Garfield, 806; Hancock, 583; Weaver, 34; Prohibition, 3. In 1884, Blaine, 864; Cleveland, 615; St. John, 30; Butler, 18. In 1888, Harrison, 748; Cleveland, 783; Fisk, 29; Belva Lockwood, 2.

The following item from the "Rochester Courier" of October 5, 1888, is worthy of preservation in the political history of the town:—

"Names of persons now residents of Rochester who voted for William H. Harrison for President in 1840:—Elijah Brock, Eli Beede, Joseph Blaisdell, Charles Bragdon, Joshua N. Cate, Jacob Clark, Sylvester Clark, Horatio G. Corson, James H. Corson, Zimri Corson, Michael E. Corson, John Crockett, Amasa Dame, John Estes, Hanson Evans, Solomon Evans, Thomas Fall, John Folsom, Edmund Frye, Charles H. Furbush, John S. Gilman, Wentworth Goodwin, Ephraim Hammett, Joseph M. Hanson, Samuel S. Hart, Charles T. Hartford, David Hayes, William Hodsdon, George W. Hodsdon, Charles Hurd, Jonas Hurd, Locke Howard, Lewis F. Horne, Joshua R. Howard, George Jenness, Stephen Jenness, William A. Kimball, George Leighton, I. W. Lougee, A. W. Mason, John McDuffee, Daniel Meader, Asa Meader, Tobias Meader, Bidfield Meserve, Larkin B. Moulton, James T. Nutter, John L. Nutter, Alphonso J. Nutter, Willard Nutter, Locke Otis, James Page, Francis Plummer [died before the election in 1888], H. N. Plummer, John Price, James Quimby,

Richard Tegers, Samuel R., Roberts Ichabod Rowe, David J. Sanborn, Joseph B. Sayward, Hiram W. Scruton, Nathaniel Shorey, John O. Sleeper, John L. Swayne, Israel Tuttle, Eben Varney, Moses Wallingford, Hiram Wallace, John Whipple, Warren Wadleigh.

"Mr. George B. Roberts, who furnishes the above list of names of 1840 veterans, although himself active and interested in the campaign at that time, lacked one month of being old enough to vote. Mr. Daniel Legro, also active in that campaign, lacked sixteen days of being a voter, but both may well be recorded with the veterans. Judge Edgerly and E. J. Mathes voted for Van Buren in 1840, but both will vote for General Harrison in 1888. There may be others of the same kind. We doubt if any town in the State can furnish more names of 1840 voters than the above."

The Congressional elections occasioned little interest and no excitement in the early history of the town. For ten years after the adoption of the Federal Constitution, the highest vote for Members of Congress was 83, and the average vote was much less. As early as 1786, the Governor vote was 378; yet as late as 1800, at an election to fill a vacancy, the highest candidate for Member of Congress received only 13 votes. It was not till about 1812 that candidates for Congress began to receive the full vote of their respective parties. Owing to the lack of organization there was frequently no election of the full number of Representatives. Resignations were not unusual also, so that the people were often called together for special elections to fill vacancies.

The general trend of political feeling in Rochester is seen in the Presidential votes already given. It was only as the anti-slavery conflict began to take form, gradually rousing the stolid and the indifferent to earnestness and activity, that political interest largely centered on the Congressional elections. In 1843 John P. Hale, a son of Rochester, was one of the Representatives elected to Congress by the Democrats. But when that party gave their support to the annexation of Texas and the extension of slavery, he refused to vote with them. Consequently at the next election in 1845, they threw him overboard and nominated John Woodbury in his place. Hale became the candidate of the Liberty party, but after three trials the State was unable to elect any of the candidates, and the seat remained vacant through the next Congress. In 1843, when Mr. Hale was the regular Democratic candidate, he received 141 votes in Rochester, being eighteen less than the others on the same ticket. At the regular election in March, 1845, the highest Whig candidate received 175 votes, the highest Democratic candidate 211, and Hale 177, mostly Democratic votes, which were divided be-

tween Hale and Woodbury. Owing to the split in the Democratic party there was no election for this district. Three special elections were held with the same result, the Rochester vote being as follows:—Sept. 13, 1845, Ichabod Goodwin, Whig, had 98 votes, John Woodbury, Democrat, 114, and John P. Hale, Independent Democrat, 74; Nov. 29, 1845, Goodwin 147, Woodbury 114, Hale 86; March 10, 1846, Goodwin 190, Woodbury 183, Hale 81.

Under the aggressions of the slave power the growing anti-slavery sentiment was gradually crystallizing into the Republican party. In 1848 a public indignation meeting was held in Rochester, at which resolutions were passed denouncing the annexation of Texas and the Mexican war as unnecessary and unjust, and declaring that Congress ought to grant no further supplies except for the safe withdrawal of our troops. These resolutions were published and sent to the New Hampshire members of Congress.

Until 1847 all the members of Congress to which the State was entitled were voted for on one general ticket. Since then each Representative District elects its own member. In 1788 New Hampshire was entitled to three members of Congress; in 1792 the number was increased to four; in 1802, to five; in 1812, to six; in 1833 it was reduced to five; in 1843, to four; in 1853, to three; and in 1883, to two. Since the voting has been by Districts, the political complexion of Rochester's Congressional vote is shown in the following table:—

| Year. | Democratic. | Whig. | Free Soil. | Republican. | Greenback. | Labor Reform. | Prohibition. | Independent. | Scattering. |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1847..... | 218 | 213 | 86 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1849..... | 219 | ..... | 232 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1851. | 238 | ..... | 293 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1853..... | 262 | ..... | 276 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1855..... | 240 | ..... | ..... | 377 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1857..... | 76 | ..... | ..... | 339 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| 1859..... | 317 | ..... | ..... | 341 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1861..... | 322 | ..... | ..... | 346 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1863..... | 376 | ..... | ..... | 333 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1865..... | 308 | ..... | ..... | 330 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 53 | ..... |
| 1867..... | 348 | ..... | ..... | 475 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1869..... | 311 | ..... | ..... | 440 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1871..... | 466 | ..... | ..... | 366 | ..... | ..... | 39 | ..... | 2 |
| 1873..... | 393 | ..... | ..... | 464 | ..... | ..... | 43 | ..... | ..... |
| 1875..... | 492 | ..... | ..... | 604 | ..... | ..... | 44 | ..... | 1 |
| 1877..... | 581 | ..... | ..... | 590 | ..... | ..... | 6 | ..... | 2 |
| 1878 November.. | 313 | ..... | ..... | 587 | 263 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 1880..... | 585 | ..... | ..... | 805 | 29 | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... |
| 1882..... | 473 | ..... | ..... | 719 | 28 | ..... | 41 | ..... | ..... |
| 1884..... | 618 | ..... | ..... | 857 | ..... | 18 | 34 | ..... | ..... |
| 1886..... | 787 | ..... | ..... | 582 | ..... | ..... | 32 | ..... | ..... |
| 1888..... | 796 | ..... | ..... | 739 | ..... | ..... | 23 | ..... | 1 |

Until 1793 the chief magistrate of New Hampshire was styled "President." The first state election occurred March 29, 1784, and the record of the Rochester vote is in the following words:—

"It was unanimously voted that the Hon. Meshack Weare, Esq. is chosen President of the State to the number of 209 votes."

Weare is said to have been unanimously elected by the State. No distinct separation into organized parties occurred till 1794, when the votes were classed as Federal and Republican, the Republicans being known as Democrats a few years later, and the Federals

becoming Whigs. The Rochester vote for Governor in subsequent years, with the party names of the several candidates so far as they can easily be given, is as follows:—

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| 1785. | { George Atkinson, 86. Col. John Langdon, 66. Gen. John Sullivan, 27. | No election by popular vote. Langdon was chosen by the Senate. |
| 1786. | { Gen. John Sullivan, 376. Elected. George Atkinson, Esq., 2. | |
| 1787. | { John Sullivan, 249. Judge Livermore, 23. | No election by the people. Sullivan was chosen by the Senate. |
| 1788. | { John Sullivan, 211. Josiah Bartlett, 1. | John Langdon was elected by two votes. |
| 1789. | { John Sullivan, 131. John Pickering, 131. Josiah Bartlett, 1. | No election by the people. Sullivan was chosen by the Senate. |
| 1790. | { John Pickering, 189. Col. Joshua Wentworth, 67. | No election by the people. Bartlett was chosen by the Senate. |
| 1791. | Josiah Bartlett, 183. Elected. | |
| 1792. | Josiah Bartlett, 177. Elected. | 1810. { John Langdon, 221. Elected. Jeremiah Smith, 82. |
| 1793. | { Josiah Bartlett, 261. Elected. John Langdon, 1. | 1811. { John Langdon, 260. Elected. Jeremiah Smith, 71. |
| 1794. | { John T. Gilman, Fed., 197. Elected. Ebenezer Thompson, Rep., 99. | 1812. { William Plumer, Rep., 222. John T. Gilman, 76. |
| 1795. | John T. Gilman, 295. Elected. | No election by the people. Plumer was chosen by the Legislature. |
| 1796. | John T. Gilman, 324. Elected. | 1813. { John T. Gilman, 82. Elected. William Plumer, 261. |
| 1797. | John T. Gilman, 267. Elected. | 1814. { John T. Gilman, 99. Elected. William Plumer, 234. |
| 1798. | { John T. Gilman, 302. Elected. Oliver Peabody, Rep., 27. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1799. | John T. Gilman, 318. Elected. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1800. | { John T. Gilman, 165. Elected. Timothy Walker, Rep., 185. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1801. | { John T. Gilman, 62. Elected. Timothy Walker, 278. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1802. | { John T. Gilman, 86. Elected. John Langdon, Rep., 189. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1803. | { John T. Gilman, 51. Elected. John Langdon, 186. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1804. | { John T. Gilman, 51. Elected. John Langdon, 200. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1805. | { John Langdon, 256. Elected. John T. Gilman, 35. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1806. | John Langdon, 213. Elected. | 1815. { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1807. | John Langdon, 198. Elected. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1808. | { John Langdon, 148. Elected. Scattering, 3. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| 1809. | { Jeremiah Smith, Fed., 78. Elected. John Langdon, 225. | { John T. Gilman, 91. Elected. William Plumer, 229. |
| | | 1816. { William Plumer, 279. Elected. James Sheafe, Fed., 74. Scattering, 2. |
| | | 1817. { William Plumer, 255. Elected. James Sheafe, 51. Jeremiah Mason, 8. Scattering, 1. |
| | | 1818. { William Plumer, 255. Elected. William Hale, 40. Scattering, 7. |
| | | 1819. { Samuel Bell, 154. Elected. Samuel Hale, 13. Scattering, 1. |
| | | 1820. Samuel Bell, 321. Elected. |
| | | 1821. { Samuel Bell, 298. Elected. Nathaniel Upham, 15. |
| | | 1822. Samuel Bell, 295. Elected. |

1823. { Levi Woodbury, 269. Elected.
 { Samuel Dinsmoor, 43.
 1824. { David L. Morrill, 9.
 { Levi Woodbury, 318.
 { Scattering, 1.

No election by the people. Morrill was chosen by the Legislature.

1825. { David L. Morrill, 291. Elected.
 { Scattering, 8.
 1826. { David L. Morrill, 170. Elected.
 { Benjamin Pierce, Rep., 83.
 1827. { Benjamin Pierce, 286. Elected.
 { Scattering, "several."
 1828. { John Bell, Fed., 188. Elected.
 { Benjamin Pierce, 208.
 1829. { Benjamin Pierce, 261. Elected.
 { John Bell, 180.

- { Matthew Harvey, Rep., 241.
 Elected.
 1830. { Timothy Upham, Fed., 201.
 { Samuel Dinsmoor, Rep., 238.
 Elected.

1831. { Ichabod Bartlett, Fed., 183.
 { Samuel Dinsmoor, Dem., 242.
 Elected.

1832. { Ichabod Bartlett, Whig, 103.
 { Samuel Dinsmoor, 216. Elect.
 { Arthur Livermore, Whig, 29.
 { William Badger, Dem., 270.
 Elected.

1834. { Scattering, 3.
 { William Badger, 219. Elected.
 { Joseph Healey, Whig, 112.

1835. { Isaac Hill, Dem., 189. Elected.
 { Scattering, 8.

1836. { Isaac Hill, 213. Elected.
 { Scattering, 14.

1837. { Isaac Hill, 174. Elected.
 { James Wilson, Whig, 272.
 { Scattering, 2.

1838. { John Page, Dem., 226. Elected.
 { James Wilson, 281.

1839. { John Page, 223. Elected.
 { Enos Stevens, Whig, 249.

1840. { John Page, 219. Elected.
 { Enos Stevens, 235.

1841. { Henry Hubbard, Dem., 192. El.
 { Enos Stevens, 154.

1842. { Daniel Hoit, Abolitionist, 49.
 { Henry Hubbard, 154. Elected.

1843. { Anthony Colby, Whig, 106.
 { Daniel Hoit, 52.

1844. { John H. Steele, Dem., 216.
 Elected.
 { Anthony Colby, 176.
 { Daniel Hoit, 65.

1845. { John H. Steele, 176. Elected.
 { Anthony Colby, 176.
 { Daniel Hoit, 71.

1846. { Anthony Colby, 198.
 { Jared W. Williams, Dem., 189.
 { Nath'l S. Berry, Free Soil, 70.

No election by the people. Colby was chosen by the Legislature.

- { Jared W. Williams, 219. Elect.
 1847. { Anthony Colby, 222.
 { Nathaniel S. Berry, 86.

- { Jared W. Williams, 242. Elect.
 1848. { Nathaniel S. Berry, 277.
 { Scattering, 2.

- { Samuel Dinsmoor, 24, Dem.,
 220. Elected.

1849. { Levi Chamberlain, Whig, 177.
 { Nathaniel S. Berry, 54.

1850. { Samuel Dinsmoor, 230. Elect.
 { Levi Chamberlain, 177.
 { Nathaniel S. Berry, 46.

1851. { Samuel Dinsmoor, 239.
 { Thomas E. Sawyer, Whig, 203.
 { John Atwood, Independent, 86.

No election by the people. Dinsmoor was chosen by the Legislature.

- { Noah Martin, Dem., 218. Elect.
 1852. { Thomas E. Sawyer, 208.
 { John Atwood, 101.

- { Noah Martin, 274. Elected.
 1853. { James Bell, Whig, 198.
 { John H. White, Ind., 79.

- { Nathaniel B. Baker, Dem., 299.
 Elected.

1854. { James Bell, 156.
 { Jared Perkins, Ind., 110.

- { Ralph Metcalf, Know Nothing,
 358. Elected.

1855. { Nathaniel B. Baker, 239.
 { Ralph Metcalf, 306.

1856. { John S. Wells, Dem., 296.
 { Ichabod Goodwin, Whig, 21.

No election by the people. Metcalf was chosen by the Legislature.

- { William Haile, Republican,
 340. Elected.

1857. { John S. Wells, 281.

1858. { William Haile, 360. Elected.
 { Asa P. Cate, Dem., 266.

1859. { Ichabod Goodwin, Rep., 363. Elected. 1874. { James A. Weston, 402.
 { Asa P. Cate, 304. { Luther McCutchins, Rep., 468.
 { John Blackmar, 84.
1860. { Ichabod Goodwin, 386. Elect. No election by the people. Weston
 { Asa P. Cate, 308. was chosen by the Legislature.
1861. { Nathaniel S. Berry, Rep., 340. Elected. 1875. { Person C. Cheney, Rep., 592.
 { George Stark, Dem., 322. Elected. { Hiram R. Roberts, Dem., 520.
 { Nathaniel S. Berry, 308. Elect. { Nathaniel White, Prohib., 38.
1862. { George Stark, 305. 1876. { Person C. Cheney, 631. Elect.
 { Scattering, 8. { Daniel Marcy, Dem., 529.
 { Asa S. Kendall, Prohib., 6.
1863. { Joseph A. Gilmore, Rep., 334. 1877. { Benjamin F. Prescott, Rep.,
 { Ira A. Eastman, Dem., 378. 657. Elected.
 { Walter Harriman, Ind., 8. { Daniel Marcy, 529.
 { Asa S. Kendall, 6.
- No election by the people. Gilmore
 was chosen by the Legislature.
1864. { Joseph A. Gilmore, 417. Elect. 1878. { Benjamin F. Prescott, 657.
 { Edw'd W. Harrington, Dem., 339. Elected.
 { Frederick Smyth, Rep., 383. { Frank A. McKean, Dem., 496.
 { Asa S. Kendall, 1.
1865. { Edward W. Harrington, 307. 1879. { Natt Head, Rep., 637. Elect.
 { Frederick Smyth, 384. Elect. { Frank A. McKean, 297.
 { John G. Sinclair, Dem., 372. { Warren G. Brown, Gr'n'b'k, 284.
 { Charles H. Bell, Rep., 791.
1866. { John G. Sinclair, 354. 1880. { Frank Jones, Dem., 590.
 { Walter Harriman, 501. Elect. { Warren G. Brown, 28.
 { John G. Sinclair, 410. { George D. Dodge, Prohib., 28.
 { Samuel W. Haile, Rep., 702.
1867. { Onslow Stearns, Rep., 429. Elected. 1882. { M. V. B. Edgerly, Dem., 479.
 { John Bedell, Dem., 322. { John F. Woodbury, Gr'n'b'k, 28.
 { Josiah M. Fletcher, Prohib., 47.
 { Martin A. Haynes, 1.
1869. { Onslow Stearns, 356. Elect. { Moody Currier, Rep., 852.
 { John Bedell, 154. Elected.
1870. { Samuel Flint, Labor, 241. 1884. { John M. Hill, Dem., 620.
 { Lorenzo D. Barrows, Prohib., 74. { George Carpenter, Gr'n'b'k, 18.
 { Simon G. Griffin, 1. { Larkin D. Mason, Prohib., 39.
 { Charles H. Sawyer, Rep., 586.
 { Thomas H. Cogswell, Dem., 784.
1871. { James Pike, Rep., 358. 1886. { Joseph Wentworth, Prohib., 36.
 { Albert G. Cummings, Pro., 39. { George Carpenter, 4.
 { Lemuel P. Cooper, Labor, 18. { Eben Hilton, 1.
1872. { Ezekiel A. Straw, Rep., 508. Elected. No election by the people. Sawyer
 was chosen by the Legislature.
1873. { James A. Weston, 466. 1888. { David H. Goodell, Rep., 733.
 { John Blackmar, Prohib., 22. { Charles H. Amsden, Dem., 791.
 { Lemuel P. Cooper, 9. { Edgar S. Carr, Prohib., 29.
- No election by the people. Goodell
 was chosen by the Legislature.

One great cause of complaint against the royal government, and which with other causes hastened the Revolution, was the unequal representation throughout the Provinces. Some small and newly incorporated townships were represented, while many of the older and more populous places were refused representation. This important privilege depended entirely upon the will of the royal Governor, by whom writs were issued at his own pleasure. In 1758 the people of Rochester petitioned for representation, but were refused. Four years later the privilege was granted, as shown by the following record:—

“Pursuant to a precept from the high sheriff of the Province on March 9, 1762, a town meeting was held at which Lieut. [afterwards Col.] John McDuffee was chosen to represent the town in General Assembly to be convened at Portsmouth on Wednesday the 10th of March instant, and so from time to time during the sessions of said house.”

He was chosen not for a single year, but according to English custom, to retain the office until the election of a new Assembly might be ordered by the Governor, and was regular in his attendance for several years.

The last Provincial Assembly convened at Portsmouth, February 23, 1775, but proving refractory, Governor Wentworth abandoned the Province and retired to the Isles of Shoals. James Knowles was the Representative from Rochester. To the first Provincial Congress, which met at Exeter May 17, 1775, James Knowles and Lieut. John McDuffee were Delegates. James Knowles was also Delegate to the second Provincial Congress which met December 21, 1775, and *established the first independent government in the Colonies*. The Constitution adopted by them remained in force till 1784, when the new State Constitution took its place.

In 1792 Rochester first chose two Representatives. In the same year Portsmouth had three Representatives. Londonderry and Rochester had two each, and no other town in the State had more than one. After the incorporation of Milton in 1802 Rochester had but one Representative for thirteen years. It then had two again from 1816 to 1853. The number was then increased to three for ten years. Then four Representatives were chosen from 1865 until 1872. In 1873 the number was increased to five. In 1874 town meeting was continued three days, there being no choice of Representatives or Selectmen the first day. The second day one

Representative and one Selectman were elected, and it was then voted to indefinitely postpone the election of the other four Representatives. In March, 1878, five were elected to the Legislature of that year, and in November of the same year, under the revised Constitution, three were chosen to serve two years. Since then the number has been five, although six were elected in 1884, but only five were allowed to take their seats.

The following is a complete list of the Rochester Representatives to Assemblies and Legislatures from the settlement of the town to the present time.

PROVINCIAL.

Lieut. John McDuffee, 1762, May 1775, '82.
James Knowles, February 1775, May 1775, December 1775, '78, '79.
Jabez Dame, 1781.

UNDER THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

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| James Knowles, 1784 to '87. | Noah Tebbetts, 1842. |
| Barnabas Palmer, 1788 to '90. | Stephen M. Mathes, 1843. |
| James Howe, 1791 to '93, '96, '97. | Jacob Smart, 1843. |
| Aaron Wingate, 1792 to '95. | Jabez Dame, Jr., 1844, '45. |
| William Palmer, 1794 to 1800. | Daniel Lothrop, 1845, '46. |
| Joseph Clark, 1798 to 1801. | Richard Kimball, 1846, '47. |
| Levi Dearborn, 1799, 1802. | N. D. Wetmore, 1847 to '49. |
| Richard Dame, 1800, '01, '03. | William Evans, 1848, '49. |
| Beard Plumer, 1802. | Daniel J. Parsons, 1850. |
| David Barker, 1804 to '06. | Benjamin H. Jones, 1850. |
| Nathaniel Upham, 1807 to '09. | James C. Cole, 1851, '52. |
| John McDuffee, Jr., 1810 to '13, '17. | Stephen Shorey, 1851, '52. |
| James Tebbetts, 1814 to '16, '38, '39. | James Brown, 1853, '54. |
| Moses Hale, 1816 to '18, '20 to '22. | L. D. Day, 1853, '54. |
| Hatevil Knight, 1818, '19. | J. F. McDuffee, 1854. |
| William Barker, 1819 to '22. | George B. Roberts, 1855, '56. |
| Jeremiah H. Woodman, 1823, '24. | Jacob B. Wallingford, 1855, '56. |
| David Barker, Jr., 1823, '25, '26. | Daniel W. Dame, 1855, '56. |
| John Greenfield, 1824. | Jacob H. Ela, 1857, '58. |
| Joseph Cross, 1825 to '29. | R. T. Rogers, 1857, '58. |
| Jonas C. March, 1827. | James Tebbetts, 1857, '58. |
| James Farrington, 1828 to '31, '36. | Isaac W. Springfield, 1859, '60. |
| Moses Young, 1830, '31. | John Legro, 1859, '60. |
| John H. Smith, 1832 to '34. | George W. Flagg, 1859. |
| Benjamin Hayes, 1832, '33. | Levi Meader, 1860, '61. |
| Jonathan Hussey, 1834, '35. | Micajah H. Wentworth, 1861, '62. |
| Charles Dennett, 1835, '36. | Franklin McDuffee, 1861, '62. |
| William S. Ricker, 1837. | Charles S. Whitehouse, 1862. |
| Louis McDuffee, 1837. | James Farrington, 2d, 1863. |
| N. V. Whitehouse, 1838, '39. | Elihu H. Watson, 1863, '71. |
| John Witham, 1840, '41. | William Wentworth, 1863. |
| A. S. Howard, 1840, '44. | John Hall, 1864. |
| Jonathan H. Torr, 1841, '42. | Benjamin Horne, 1864. |

Dudley W. Hayes, 1864, '65.
 Charles K. Chase, 1865.
 Joshua Vickery, 1865, '66.
 S. D. Wentworth, 1865, '66.
 Alvah M. Kimball, 1866.
 William Whitehouse, Jr., 1866, '67.
 Cyrus K. Sanborn, 1867, '68.
 Ebenezer G. Wallace, 1867, '68.
 William Flagg, 1867, '68.
 Larkin Harrington, 1868, '69.
 Joseph N. Hayes, 1869.
 John Crockett, 1869.
 S. Hussey, Jr., 1869.
 None sent in 1870.
 Nathan Nutter, 1871.
 Russell K. Wentworth, 1871.
 William Rand, 1871.

Edwin Wallace, 1872.
 Charles W. Folsom, 1872, '73.
 Charles W. Brown, 1872, '73.
 Arthur D. Whitehouse, 1872, '73.
 Francis Orr, 1873, '75.
 John W. Tebbetts, 1873, '75.
 Charles F. Caverly, 1874 to '76.
 Osman B. Warren, 1875, '76.
 Larkin B. Moulton, 1875, '76.
 Stephen C. Meader, 1876, '77.
 Sidney B. Hayes, 1876, '77.
 Isaac W. Lougee, 1877, '78.
 Joseph M. Hanson, 1877, '78.
 Daniel McDuffee, 1877, '78.
 Noah A. Jenness, 1878.
 Charles Blazo, 1878.

UNDER THE REVISED CONSTITUTION.

Noah A. Jenness, 1878.
 Walter S. Standley, 1878.
 Charles Blazo, 1878.
 Wilbur F. Warren, 1880.
 John D. Fogg, 1880.
 Nahum Yeaton, 1880.
 John Young, 1880, '86.
 John B. Kelley, 1880.
 Edwin Wallace, 1882.
 Charles S. Whitehouse, 1882.
 Augustine S. Parshley, 1882.
 James O. Hayes, 1882.
 John E. Meader, 1882.

John McDuffee, 1884.
 Sumner Wallace, 1884.
 Edward L. Kimball, 1884, '86.
 Charles E. Manson, 1884.
 Mesheck T. Drew, 1884.
 Frank W. Corson, 1886.
 Henry L. Horne, 1886.
 Nicholas Brock, 1886.
 Benjamin M. Flanders, 1888.
 Charles M. Abbott, 1888.
 Charles M. Seavey, 1888.
 Patrick H. Hartigan, 1888.
 Joseph S. Norris, 1888.

The first Provincial Convention met at Exeter July 21, 1774. Its principal business was to choose Delegates to the Continental Congress at Philadelphia. The second Convention met at the same place January 25, 1775, chose Delegates to Philadelphia and issued an address to the people. Immediately after the battle of Lexington another Convention was held at Exeter in April, 1775. In June, 1778 a Convention was held at Concord to prepare a State Constitution. This was rejected by the people, and another Convention held its sessions in Concord from 1781 until October, 1783, when the new Constitution was adopted. In 1788 a Convention was held at Exeter to consider the Constitution of the United States. Conventions to revise the State Constitution have been held at Concord in 1791, 1850, 1876, and 1889. The following have been the Rochester Delegates to the several Conventions:—

James Knowles, July 1774, January 1775, '78, '81 to '83.
 Ebenezer Tebbetts, January, 1775. James H. Edgerly, 1876.
 John Plumer, April, 1775, '78. Franklin McDuffee, 1876.
 Barnabas Palmer, 1788, '91. Charles E. Jenkins, 1876.
 James Howe, 1791. James Farrington, 1889.
 Benjamin H. Jones, 1850. Josiah H. Whittier, 1889.
 L. D. Day, 1850. Cyrille Pageot, 1889.
 Nicholas V. Whitehouse, 1876. Samuel D. Felker, 1889.
 Ebenezer G. Wallace, 1876. Frank B. Preston, 1889.

The following is a complete list of Proprietors' and Town Clerks in Rochester. Beginning in 1784 the Town Clerks were Proprietors' Clerks also:—

PROPRIETORS' CLERKS.

Paul Gerrish, 1722 to 1743. John Wentworth, 1751 to 1783.
 John Gage, 1744 to 1750.

TOWN CLERKS.

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| Rev. Amos Main, 1737. | Stephen D. Wentworth, 1861, '62. |
| John Bickford, 1738 to '43, '46, '47. | Nathaniel Burnham, 1863. |
| William Chamberlain, 1744, '45. | Ephraim H. Whitehouse, } 1864. |
| Isaac Libbey, 1748, '49, '51 to '55. | Stephen D. Wentworth,* } 1864. |
| Edward Tebbetts, 1750. | Joseph H. Worcester, 1865, '66. |
| Jonathan Dame, 1756 to '70. | George Fox Guppy, } 1867, '68. |
| Josiah Main, 1771 to 1802. | James J. Meader,* } 1867, '68. |
| Josiah Sherborne, 1803 to '14. | James J. Meader, 1869. |
| Joseph Cross, 1815 to '29. | Charles W. Bickford, 1870, '71. |
| Charles Dennett, 1830 to '37. | George S. Lindsey, 1872 to '75. |
| James C. Cole, 1838 to '50. | Albert T. Colton, 1876 to '80. |
| Jabez Dame, Jr., 1851, '52. | Horace L. Worcester, 1881 to '85. |
| George H. Dennett, } 1853, '54. | George D. Lamos, 1886, '87. |
| Charles Dennett,* } 1853, '54. | B. Frank Grover, } 1888. |
| Eben J. Mathes, 1855, '56. | Elmer J. Smart,* } 1888. |
| Charles K. Chase, 1857, '58. | Fred L. Chesley, 1889, '90. |
| Jeremiah D. Evans, 1859, '60. | |

Before the beginning of this century the annual town meetings were almost invariably held on the last Monday of March. In 1801 the town debated the question of petitioning the Legislature to establish the first Monday as the day for the annual meetings, and from 1801 to 1804 they were held on the second Monday. Since 1804 they have always been held on the second Tuesday of March in each year.

At the annual town meeting in March the Moderators have been as follows:—

* Appointed by Selectmen to fill unexpired term.

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| Timothy Roberts, 1737. '40 to '42, '44, '46, '49, '50, '53, '54. | Nicholas V. Whitehouse, 1838, '50 to '52, '56. |
| James Place, 1738, '58, '62. | Nathaniel D. Wetmore, 1843, '45, '48, '49. |
| John Jenness, 1739, '43. | Stephen M. Mathes, 1844, '55. |
| John Bickford, 1745, '52, '55. | A. S. Howard, 1846, '47. |
| Edward Tebbets, 1747, '56. | James H. Edgerly, 1853, '54, '65. |
| William Chamberlain, 1748, '59, '63. | John Legro, 1857, '58. |
| Isaac Libbey, 1751, '57, '60. | Richard T. Rogers, 1859, '60. |
| John McDuffee, 1761, '66, '73, 1806 to '11. | Nathaniel T. Kimball, 1861. |
| John Plummer, 1764, '70, '72, '74 to '77, '79, '82 to '84, '87 '90 to '94. | Charles W. Edgerly, 1862, '63. |
| James Knowles, 1765, '67 to '69, '71, '80, '85, '86, '88, '89. | Ebenezer G. Wallace, 1864, '68. |
| John Cook, 1778, '81. | Noah Tebbets, 1866. |
| Jabez Dame, 1795 to '97, 1800. | Edwin Wallace, 1867. |
| Levi Dearborn, 1798, '99, 1802. | Charles S. Whitehouse, 1869, '82, '83. |
| Moses L. Neal, 1801, '03 to '05. | James Farrington, 2 ^d , 1870. |
| John McDuffee, Jr., 1812 to '18. | John F. McDuffee, 1871. |
| Hatevil Knight, 1819. | Isaac W. Springfield, 1872 to '74. |
| Moses Hale 1820, '21, '28. | Ezra Pray, 1875 to '77. |
| Jeremiah H. Woodman, 1822. | Charles B. Gafney, 1878. |
| Walter B. Knight, 1823 to '27. | John D. Parshley, 1879. |
| James Farrington, 1829 to '36. | Russell B. Wentworth, 1880. |
| Lewis McDuffee, 1837, '42. | Henry M. Kelley, 1881, '84, '85. |
| John McDuffee, 3 ^d , 1839 to '41. | Osman B. Warren, 1886, '88, '89. |
| | Frank B. Preston, 1887. |
| | Frank H. Orr, 1890. |

Prior to 1878 both state and town elections throughout New Hampshire were held together on the second Tuesday of March of every year. But since the revision of the Constitution the State elections have been held separately and biennially on the first Tuesday of November. The Moderators at these State elections have been as follows:—

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| Henry M. Kelley, 1878, '84. | John D. Parshley, 1886. |
| Charles S. Whitehouse, 1880, '82. | Frank B. Preston, 1888. |

Assessors were first chosen in 1738. In 1818 it was voted not to choose assessors, and in 1819 Jonathan Dame and James Tebbets were chosen, but afterwards excused from serving. Since that time to the present the selectmen have been the assessors, except in 1844, when Nathaniel D. Wetmore and Thomas McDuffee were appointed. The following is a complete list of assessors in Rochester:—

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| Benjamin Forst, 1738. | Paul Tebbets, 1741. |
| Samuel Twombly, 1738, '40, '42, '78. | Benjamin Hayes, 1741. |
| John Macfee, 1739, '42, '44, '56. | Edward Tebbets, 1743. |
| John Allen, 1739. | Richard Wentworth, 1743, '48, '54, '57. |
| Jonathan Copps, 1739. | John Layton, 1744, '54. |
| John Jenness, 1740, '45, '48. | James Place, 1745, '46. |

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| Joseph Tebbetts, 1746, '47. | John Brewster, 1782. |
| Alexander Hodgdon, 1747. | James Howe, 1785, '86, '94. |
| Richard Winford, 1749. | Jacob Hanson, 1787, 95, '98, 1804, '07. |
| Thomas Brown, 1749. | David Place, 1787. |
| Ichabod Horn, 1750. | Richard Furber, 1788, '91, '92. |
| Richard Bickford, 1750, '53, '60. | Samuel Plumer, 1789. |
| Daniel Wingate, 1751, '52, '67 to '72. | Daniel Rogers, 1790. |
| Mark Jenness, 1751, '53. | Aaron Wingate, 1791. |
| John Trickey, 1752, '55. | Paul Libbey, 1792, '93. |
| William Jenness, 1755. | Edward Rollins, 1793. |
| William Allen, 1756, '61. | Ephraim Kimball, 1794. |
| Richard Nutter, 1757. | Daniel Dame, 1795 to '99, 1801, '02, '06 to '10. |
| Moses Hayes, 1758. | Joseph Plumer, 1796. |
| Jonathan Ham, 1758, '65. | Anthony Peavey, 1796. |
| Isaac Miller, 1759. | James Hayes, 1797. |
| James Knowles, 1759. | John Murray, 1797, '98. |
| James Rogers, Jr., 1760. | Daniel Hayes, 1798. |
| Ebenezer Chamberlain, 1761, '62. | Joseph Clark, 1799. |
| Eleazar Colman, 1762. | William Palmer, 1800. |
| William Chamberlain, 1763, '68. | Richard Hayes, 1800. |
| Isaac Libbey, 1763. | Tobias Twombly, Jr., 1801, '08. |
| David Capps, 1764. | Jacob McDuffee, 1802 to '04. |
| Wentworth Hayes, 1764. | David Barker, 1803. |
| Jabez Dame, 1765, '73, '74, '81. | Hezekiah Cloutman, 1805. |
| John Witherell, 1766. | Tobias Twombly, 1805. |
| Samuel Leighton, 1766, '67, '69 to '72. | Joshua Allen, 1806. |
| Moses Brown, 1773, '74. | John Barker, 1809. |
| Barnabas Palmer, 1775. | Nathaniel Upham, 1810, '16. |
| William McNeal, 1775. | Jonas C. March, 1811, '13, '17. |
| Richard Place, 1776, '80, '89. | Joseph Sherburne, 1811. |
| Tobias Twombly, 1776. | James Tebbetts, 1812, '14, '17. |
| Alexander Hodgdon, Jr., 1777, '80. | John Smith, 1812. |
| Joseph Pearl, 1778. | Hatevil Knight, 1813. |
| William McDuffee, 1779, '80, '82 to '84. | Moses Hale, 1814 to '16. |
| Ichabod Corson, 1779, '83 to '86, '90. | Richard Dame, 1815, '16. |
| Samuel Nute, 1781, '88. | |

In addition to the regular assessors as given above, the following were chosen to take inventories of ratable polls and estates. In 1767 pasture lands are specially mentioned, and it was voted "that the pasture land should be taxed as the law directs, and what will pasture a cow be four acres."

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| Mark Jenness, 1745. | Ichabod Corson, 1767. |
| Joseph Walker, 1747. | Samuel Leighton, 1767. |
| John Leighton, 1747. | James McDuffee, 1767. |
| Isaac Libbey, 1749, '67. | Barnabas Palmer, 1773 to '76. |

In 1859 Richard T. Rogers, John F. McDuffee, and Stephen Shorey were chosen to make a new valuation of all real estate in town.

From 1727 to 1751 selectmen were chosen by the proprietors.

Afterwards their meetings were called by their clerk "per order of committee," or on petition of proprietors. The town first chose selectmen in 1737. The following is a partial list of the selectmen of Rochester from the incorporation of the town to the present time. In 1740, '44, '62 there were five chosen. The names are missing for the years 1782, '84, '96, 1800, '01, '03, '04, '07, '08, '09, '24, '26, '27, '29, '36 and '44.

PROPRIETORS' SELECTMEN.

Francis Matthews, 1727 to '29.
John Knight, 1727 to '29.
Paul Gerrish, 1727 to '31.
John Downing, 1730, '31.
Joseph Jones, 1730, '31.
Timothy Roberts, 1732.
Benjamin Foss, 1732.

John Bickford, 1732, '42 to '50.
Paul Wentworth, 1733 to '41.
Thomas Millet, 1733 to '41, '51.
John Wingate, 1733 to '41, '51.
John Gage, 1742 to '50.
Joseph Adams, 1742 to '50.
John Loughton, 1751.

TOWN SELECTMEN.

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| Timothy Roberts, 1737, '40 to '42, '44, '45, '54. | John Plumer, 1760 to '63, '66, '67, '70, '79. |
| Stephen Berry, 1737, '64, '68, '69. | Jonathan Ham, 1762. |
| John Bickford, 1737, '39, '43, '45, '50, '52, '53, '55, '59. | John McDuffee, 1764, '66, '74, '75. |
| John Jenness, 1738 '39, '41, '43, '46, '47, '49. | Moses Hayes, 1764. |
| Benjamin Hayes, 1738. | James Knowles, 1765, '67, '71. |
| John Allen, 1738. | Jabez Dame, 1770, '71, '75, '76, '78, '79, '83, '85 to '87, '90, '91. |
| Paul Tebbets, 1739, '40. | John Cook, 1771, '72, '78. |
| Edward Tebbets, 1740, '41, '44, '46, '47, '50, '52 to '54. | Samuel Twombly, 1771. |
| James Place, 1740, '59, '60. | Ebenezer Tebbets, 1773, '74, '77, '78, '81. |
| Richard Wentworth, 1740, '46, '51, '55, '62. | Samuel Leighton, 1773, '85. |
| William Chamberlain, 1742, '44, '48, '50, '56 to '58, '72. | Paul Libbey, 1773, '74. |
| John Downing, 1742. | Barnabas Palmer, 1775,* '76, '77, '80. |
| Joseph Tebbets, 1743, '44, '60. | Richard Place, 1779. |
| Benjamin Forst, 1744. | James Adams, 1780, '86 to '89. |
| William Jenness, 1745. | Samuel Nute, 1780. |
| Isaac Libbey, 1747 to '49, '51, '53 to '55, '61, '65. | Jacob Hanson, 1781, '85, '88, '89. |
| John Loughton, 1748, '49. | Ebenezer Wentworth, 1781. |
| Jonathan Dame, 1751, '62, '63, '66 to '71. | Aaron Wingate, 1783. |
| William Allen, 1752, '53, '62, '63, '68, '69, '72, '75 to '77. | John Brewster, 1783. |
| Charles Rogers, 1753, '61. | John Cloutman, 1786, '87. |
| Daniel Wingate, 1756 to '58, '65. | Ichabod Hayes, 1788. |
| James Rogers, Jr., 1756 to '58. | Simon Torr, 1789, '90, '92 to '94. |
| John Trickey, 1759. | Edward Rollins, 1790 to '92. |
| | William Palmer, 1791 to '95. |
| | Richard Furber, 1793 to '95, '97. |
| | Richard Dame, 1795, '97 to '99, 1802, '05, '14, '20. |
| | Beard Plumer, 1797 to '99. |

* To fill out term of John McDuffee, he having gone to the army.

- Jonas C. March, 1798.
 Joshua Allen, 1799, 1802.
 John Odiorne, 1802, '10.
 John Adisone, 1803.
 John Allen, 1805.
 Jacob McDuffee, 1806, '10, '11, '13.
 James Tebbets, 1806, '13 to '16.
 Moses Roberts, Jr., 1806, '11, '12.
 Joseph Sherburne, 1810.
 Moses Hale, 1811 to '13.
 Lemuel Meader, 1812.
 Hatevil Knight, 1814, '20.
 David C. Page, 1815.
 Thomas McDuffee, 1815 to '21, '23, '25
 '28, '32.
 John Smith, 1816, '17.
 Jonathan Dame, 2^d, 1817, '18, '21, '22.
 John Plumer, 3^d, 1818, '19.
 Harvey Morey, 1819.
 Samuel Rogers, 1821 to '23, '38.
 Charles Dennett, 1822, '25, '28.
 William Hurd, 1823, '25.
 Jonathan Hussey, 1828, '33, '37.
 Daniel Waldron, 1830.
 William S. Ricker, 1830, '31, '33 to '35,
 '42.
 Otis Stackpole, 1830 to '32.
 Henry Tebbets, 1831, '32.
 John Hanson, 1833, '34.
 Edward Tebbets, 2^d, 1834, '35.
 John Meader, 1835, '37, '43, '50.
 John F. McDuffee, 1837, '43, '47, '50,
 '61, '62, '70, '71.
 John Witham, 1838, '39, '41, '42.
 William Twombly, 1838, '39.
 Moses Page, 1839, '40.
 Aaron Flagg, 1840, '41.
 Daniel Lothrop, 1840, '41.
 Asa Roberts, 1842, '45, '64, '65.
 Benjamin Horne, 1843, '56.
 Daniel Rogers, 1845.
 Ezra Hayes, 1845.
 James Brown, 1846.
 A. S. Howard, 1846.
 Noah S. Stackpole, 1846.
 Jabez Dame, Jr., 1847 to '49.
 Gershom Horne, 1847, '48.
 Richard T. Rogers, 1848, '49, 51, '52,
 '64, '65, '75, '76.
 Charles B. Kimball, 1849.
 James Hurd, 1850.
 Daniel W. Dame, 1851, '52.
 John Legro, 1851, '52, '54, '55.
 John Bickford, 2^d, 1853.
 Lyman Locke, 1853.
 Samuel Tebbets, 1853.
 Jesse Meader, 1854, '55.
 James Tebbets, 2^d, 1854, '55.
 Jacob H. Ela, 1856.
 Nathaniel Hayes, 1856, '57.
 James M. Fessenden, 1857, '58.
 Joshua Vickery, 1857, '58.
 George Robinson, 1858, '59.
 Samuel Roberts, Jr., 1859, '60.
 Richard McDuffee, Jr., 1859, '60.
 Franklin McDuffee, 1860.
 Simon Wentworth, 1861, '62.
 Walter B. K. Hodgdon, 1861 to '63.
 William J. Roberts, 1863.
 Stephen E. Hayes, 1863.
 Jeremiah D. Evans, 1864 to '67.
 Solomon Evans, 1866, '67.
 Samuel Bickford, 1866, '67.
 Stephen D. Wentworth, 1868, '69, '72.
 John F. Torr, 1868, '69.
 Hanson Evans, 1868, '69.
 Samuel S. Hart, 1870.
 John H. Osborne, 1870, '71.
 Nathaniel Dorman, 1871.
 Samuel F. Page, 1872, '73.
 John S. Calef, 1872.
 Augustine S. Parshley, 1873 to 81, '83,
 '84, '90.
 James Corson, 1873, '74.
 Harrison Hale, 1874 to '76.
 Charles W. Dame, 1877, '78.
 John Greenfield, 1877, '78, '84, '85.
 Herman W. Roberts, 1879, '80.
 Joseph O. Hayes, 1879 to '81.
 Simon L. Horne, 1881, '83.
 William Rand, 1882.
 Dudley B. Waldron, 1882.
 William H. Babb, 1882.
 Charles Estes, 1883, '84.
 John L. Copp, 1885, '86.
 Edward E. Evans, 1885, '90.
 Charles W. Evans, 1886 to '88.
 John W. Meserve, 1886.
 John D. Parshley, 1887, '88.
 Eben Hilton, 1887.
 George L. Hayes, 1888, '89.
 Henry M. Kelley, 1889.
 Daniel F. Jenness, 1889.
 John W. Tebbets, 1890.

Prior to 1878 the selectmen had charge of the check-list, with full power to regulate the same according to their own judgment under the law. Under the revised Constitution special supervisors

of the check-list are required to be appointed representing both parties. These have been chosen as follows:—

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| Noah A. Jenness, 1878. | Henry F. Walker, 1884. |
| Walter S. Stanley, 1878. | Peter Cassidy, 1884. |
| Charles Blazo, 1878. | William Blake, 1886, '88. |
| George B. Roberts, 1880, '82, '84. | Riley H. Parker, 1886, '88. |
| John S. Parsons, 1880, '82. | Richard Cross, 1886, '88. |
| William Tobin, 1880, '82. | |

Overseers of the poor were first chosen in 1763, after which no mention is made of such an office until 1788. The list is as follows:—

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| Isaac Libbey, 1763. | Joseph Plumer, 1794, '95. |
| Wentworth Hayes, 1763. | Ichabod Corson, 1795. |
| Dr. James Howe, 1788, '90. | Ichabod Pearl, 1795. |
| Jacob Hanson, 1788, '91, '92. | Jonathan Hussey, 1833. |
| Richard Dame, 1788. | William S. Ricker, 1833, '39 to '41. |
| Lt. Richard Place, 1789, '91 to '95. | John Hanson, 1833. |
| Dea. Samuel Plumer, 1789. | Charles Dennett, 1834 to '38. |
| Daniel McDuffee, 1790. | John Greenfield, 1834 to '38. |
| Moses Horne, Jr., 1793. | Jeremiah H. Woodman, 1839 to '41. |
| David Wingate, 1794. | |

Between 1795 and 1833, and since 1841, the selectmen have performed the duties of this office. As in other towns, the support of the poor was formerly let out to the lowest bidder. A vote to that effect is recorded in 1821. In 1826 the subject of a town farm began to be agitated, and Nathaniel Upham and Jonathan Hussey were appointed to investigate the matter. Nothing however was accomplished until 1831, when it was voted, 103 to 29, to buy a farm at a cost not exceeding \$2,500, and \$500 more for stock, furniture, etc., and Thomas McDuffee, Moses Young, and Moses Hale were appointed to make the purchase before May 17th of the same year. In 1833 J. H. Woodman, D. Barker, Jr., and J. H. Smith were appointed to draft by-laws for the regulation of the inmates of the almshouse. Their report was adopted prescribing for various specified misdemeanors, the penalties of solitary confinement, or short allowance of food, according to the aggravation of the offence. The overseer was authorized to build a cell for confinement. In 1863 \$1,000 was appropriated to enlarge the almshouse. About this time the plan of supporting paupers by counties instead of towns began to be agitated, and at the March meeting in 1867 the several towns were asked to vote upon

this question. The Rochester vote was 250 against and only 14 in favor. Nevertheless the plan prevailed, and in 1874 the selectmen were instructed to sell the town farm at public auction within thirty days, reserving the pest house and the burying ground. Since that time residents needing temporary aid have been supplied at their homes, but those needing permanent help have been taken to the county farm.

The first constable chosen by the town was John Macfee in 1737, and it was "voted that he shall have five pounds for serving when his year is out." The principal duty of this office was the collection of taxes, and it was very difficult to get the office suitably filled. A fine imposed for refusal was frequently paid on the spot by one who was so unfortunate as to be elected. All suitable persons were expected to take their turn unless they could procure a substitute, or offer some satisfactory excuse. In 1781 the difficulty appears to have reached a climax. Simon Torr was chosen constable, but was excused from serving "this year." Samuel Plumer was chosen, but was "voted out from serving." Elijah Varney was chosen and paid his fine, but afterwards the town "for a good reason" excused him, and refunded the fine. Samuel Seavey was chosen and then "voted out." Ithamar Seavey was chosen but the vote was reconsidered, and finally, the selectmen were authorized to hire a constable, which plan was usually adopted thereafter. One great reason of the difficulty of filling the office was undoubtedly the constantly changing value of the currency, which rendered the adjustment of accounts exceedingly difficult. Constables were frequently behind in their payments, and the town instructed their agents to prosecute them. In 1785 the town sued Paul Harford, a delinquent collector, and attached twenty-three and one half acres of land in the lower part of the village, also his dwelling house, and his interest in the land on which it stood. This was appraised at \$75, and the land at \$8 an acre (p. 129). About 1788 the collection of taxes was let out to the lowest bidder. This custom was continued for a few years, and again revived in 1821, when it was struck off to Ezra M. Drown, at nine mills on a dollar. For the next four years Paul Kimball bid it off, receiving, in 1825, \$20. Sometimes the selectmen received proposals for collecting taxes during the meeting, and laid them before the town at its close. In 1834 Isaac Twombly was chosen

collector by ballot, to have \$55 for collecting the whole tax, and at the same rate for what he should collect. The practice of choosing a collector in town meeting continued till 1845. They were appointed by the selectmen from that time until 1884, when the town returned to the old method of choice at the annual meeting. In 1885 the pay of the collector had increased to \$300, and in 1887 it was \$450.

In 1800 the warrant for town meeting contained the following article:—

“To see if the Town will propose or adopt some by-laws and appoint a Committee of Police to regulate some disorders that are likely to happen in said town, particularly to prevent people from suffering their creatures from disturbing and wasting the hay and property of travelers and teamsters at and near Norway Plains.”

Joseph Clark, Esq., Capt. Thomas Shannon, Jabez Dame, Capt. Samuel Storer, and Col. John McDuffee were chosen to prepare by-laws, and reported four articles. The first was to prevent horses, cattle, swine, or sheep from going at large in the village, under penalty of one dollar and fifty cents fine with costs. The second was to compel every owner of a dwelling house to keep a good and sufficient ladder on or adjacent to his house, under penalty of not more than a dollar nor less than twenty-five cents and costs. The third forbade two or more persons playing ball or quoits in the village under penalty of fifty cents and costs; and the fourth provided for obtaining the approval of these by-laws at the Court of Common Pleas. A committee of police was appointed to execute these by-laws, consisting of Capt. Samuel Storer, Joseph Clark, Levi Dearborn, and Moses L. Neal.

As the population of the town increased the need of stricter regulations began to be felt. At a special meeting, May 30, 1835, the town instructed the selectmen to appoint police officers with power to make and enforce all regulations needed for the good order of the village. The next day they appointed James Farrington, Charles Dennett, Ivory M. Nute, John McDuffee, Jr., Jonathan H. Torr, Benjamin Barker, and Ebenezer C. Blackmar, who immediately issued and posted through the town a sheet of “police laws,” forbidding almost every conceivable misdemeanor under severe penalties of fine and imprisonment. Apparently the town got more than they bargained for, as in the following March

they voted "to dispense with all articles in the police laws." After a few years, however, a permanent police force was found necessary. March 13, 1849, \$100 was appropriated "to fit up a room or rooms at the Town Hall for a bridewell or lock-up," and Edward Barnard was chosen keeper. March 12, 1851, it was

"Resolved, that the police officers be provided with suitable badges to be worn on town-meeting days, and that they be paid by the town for their services in keeping order."

Decemember 19, 1868, it was voted to establish a police court, and to pay the justice \$100 a year. S. D. Wentworth now holds the office at a salary of \$300. August 28, 1869, the selectmen were instructed "to build a lock-up," and \$1,000 was appropriated for that purpose. This "lock-up" was built in the rear of the Town Hall on Wentworth street, and is still in use. The first regularly paid police were appointed in 1886. At the present time (1890) the chief-of-police is N. L. Berry, with seven subordinates.

Rochester being a county town built a Court House in 1797 where Wallace's currying shop now is, near the railroad crossing. The lower story was used by the county courts till the division of the county in 1840. The second story was the Town Hall. The expense of building was met by selling the fourth division school lot and a part of the meeting-house lot. This Town Hall was first used March 26, 1798, prior to which the town meetings had always been held in the meeting-house. In 1802 the town voted to paint the Court House "near the color of Capt. Samuel Storer's house," which had been recently built and painted cream color, and was probably admired as the finest house in the village. In 1825 the Court House was repaired by the town at an expense of \$200. In 1836 the town voted \$100 for the same purpose, provided the citizens would raise a like amount by subscription. After the county had ceased to use it, in 1844, it was voted to repair it for a Town Hall. It was burned in the night, October 6, 1849, having been set on fire, it is supposed, out of revenge, by some scamp who had been confined in the "lock-up" there. For the next two years the annual town meetings were held in the freight-house of the Great Falls & Conway Railroad. The town voted \$1,200 for a town house including a lot, and appointed John McDuffee, Louis McDuffee, and Eben J. Mathes for building

committee. They found that a suitable building could not be put up for less than that sum, besides the lot, and March 12, 1851, it was voted to raise \$250 to purchase the Silas Wentworth lot, provided the citizens would contribute the balance required. The hall was built during that summer, and the first meeting was held there in September, 1851. In 1852 an appropriation was asked for seating it, but the article was dismissed, and the same question was negatived every year till March, 1855, when \$300 was appropriated for seating and lighting. The subject of a new Town Hall was broached as early as 1872, and has been discussed, with the appointment of various committees of inquiry, from time to time ever since. At the March meeting in 1888 the selectmen were authorized to hire a sum not exceeding \$50,000 for buying a lot and building a Town Hall, and a committee was appointed to report in May. By the crafty management of the opponents of the scheme, the location recommended by the committee was rejected, and the whole enterprise was defeated, and the old hall of 1851 is still in use.

An indication of the growing village interests is seen in provisions for protection from fire. When the first fire engine was bought cannot now be ascertained, but we find a vote March 9, 1813, not to pay any money for an engine. At the same time it was voted to abate the taxes of James Waldron, James Witherell, and David Barker, who had had buildings burnt. September, 1822, it was voted to abate the taxes of David and William Barker "by reason of their recent losses by fire." In June, 1836, "the Rochester fire engine company was enlarged and incorporated." This shows that it had been previously organized, probably for some years. Firewards are first mentioned in 1838, when eleven were appointed: — George Barker, Charles Dennett, John Greenfield, A. S. Howard, Noah Tebbets, James McDuffee, John McDuffee, Jr., N. V. Whitehouse, J. H. Henderson, Paul Kimball, and Richmond Henderson. At the annual meeting in March, 1845, \$400 was appropriated, and a committee appointed to buy a fire engine, provided the citizens would subscribe the same amount. A month later the town adopted a recent act of the Legislature relating to the appointment of fire engineers. S. M. Mathes was elected chief engineer, and John McDuffee, N. D. Wetmore, Jabez Dame, Jr.,

Watson Hayes, and James Bodge assistants. March 12, 1850, \$400 was appropriated for a fire engine at Gonic, and \$300 for making reservoirs at the village. A month after the burning of Dodge's Hotel (p. 487), \$500 was voted for a fire engine "to take the place of the old one now in use of the Ancient and Honorable Engine Company," also \$500 for additional hose, and \$150 for two reservoirs at Gonic. In 1853 the town was asked to abate the poll-tax of firemen, but refused. In 1853, \$50 was voted to build an engine house at Gonic, and in 1855, \$45 to buy a sled for each engine company, and two years later \$50 for a reservoir. March 9, 1858, the pay of firemen was "increased" to \$3 a year. Through the efforts of Judge Kimball a subscription was raised to buy trumpets for the several companies, except the Invincibles, a boys' company, which had already received one. These were presented, at a parade of the whole fire department, October 1, 1859, and the presentation speech was made in the Academy yard, by Edward Sawyer. March 12, 1861, \$400 was appropriated to buy an engine, on condition that what more might be needed for the purpose should be raised by subscription. Two years later, \$500 was voted to buy hose to be divided among the several companies, and in 1867 \$1,000 was appropriated "to lay iron pipe from force-pump of Norway Plains Company to the Square." By several votes at various meetings from 1861 to 1868, appropriations were made to build engine houses for the several companies as follows: — \$900 for Coheco Company, \$900 for Torrent Company No. 2, \$1,000 for Tiger Company, and \$1,500 for Torrent Company No. 5 at East Rochester. In 1870 it was voted to pay firemen five dollars a year. In 1872, \$3,000 was voted for a hook and ladder and hose house. In 1877 it was voted to reduce the fire companies to forty men each. In 1880, \$300 was voted for a fire-alarm bell. The next year \$500 was voted to buy an engine for the use of Tiger Company No. 5. There are now, in 1890, three engine companies of forty men each, one at each village; Pioneer Hose Company and Resolute Hook and Ladder Company, with twenty men each; Coheco Hose Company and Norway Plains Company, with ten men each. Fifty-three hydrants are maintained at an annual cost of fifty dollars each. Firemen are now paid ten dollars a year.

Village growth and the rapidly increasing population have made the subject of water-supply a question of no small importance.

In 1877 the selectmen were instructed to survey for the introduction of water into the village. The records show nothing further until 1880, when a committee was appointed "to consider the subject of supplying the village with water." At the next March meeting \$100 was appropriated "to be used by the selectmen in sinking an artesian well as an experiment for obtaining a supply of water," but nothing came of it. The "Rochester Aqueduct and Water Company" was chartered in July, 1877, but did not begin work until 1885, and the water was turned on December 1st of the same year. The present officers of the company are Frank Jones of Portsmouth, president; C. B. Gafney, vice-president; and Albert Wallace, treasurer. In 1885 the town voted that the stock of this company be exempt from taxation for five years from March 1, 1886.

At the annual town meeting in 1890, it was voted:—

"That the Selectmen be instructed to hire on notes of the town from time to time so much money as may be necessary for the purpose of supplying Rochester village with an adequate supply of fresh water, agreeably to the provision of Chap. 242 of the Laws of New Hampshire, enacted at the June session of 1881, not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, and that Elias F. Smith, Ezra Pray, James Farrington, John W. Tebbetts, and Albert W. Hayes be a Committee to construct suitable water-works with full power to purchase the present water-works if deemed advisable, take deeds and make contracts in the name of the town, and for said purpose to do and perform all things necessary, agreeably to the provision of said chapter; also that they shall extend said water-works to or construct separate water-works for the villages of East Rochester and Gonic as soon as they can obtain the necessary legislation."

The beginnings of things as shown by the first appointments to various offices form a valuable record from which can be seen the gradual growth of the town by its increasing wants, or a more developed sense of those wants.

The first tithing-man was John Allen, chosen in 1737 (p. 141).

The first pound-keeper was Benjamin Fors, in 1737, the town voting to build a pound near his house. In 1786 a pound was built near the meeting-house on Haven's Hill, and as late as 1841 a new one was built not far from the meeting-house on the common (p. 141). The first field-drivers were Ebenezer Brewster, William Jenness, and Joseph Tebbetts, in 1739. The first "hog-reeve" was Thomas Drew in 1747. From 1807 to 1826 one of the most frequent subjects of debate at town meetings was the question of "excusing swine from wearing a yoke," "such as

go peaceably on the common." Special meetings were held to consider this subject, which seems to have occasioned no little excitement. Until 1823, however, the excuse was always granted. In that year it was voted "not to excuse the inhabitants from yoking their swine," thus reversing the former practice, besides improving the phraseology. For a few years longer the subject continued to be discussed, but the town could never again be brought to consent that swine should run at large.

The first surveyors of highways were John Layton, Solomon Clarke, and Eleazer Ham, chosen in 1737.

The first auditors, then called "commissioners," were John Jenness, Samuel Twombly, and John Allen, in 1737.

The first committee to hire a school teacher was chosen in 1750, and the first superintending committee in 1809 (pp. 157, 161).

In 1755 Samuel Twombly was chosen "culler of staves," and Ebenezer Place "culler of shingles." No such officers were afterwards chosen, except a "surveyor of staves" in 1790.

William "Mefee" and Ichabod Corson were chosen "informers of who kills deer," in 1759, and this office was continued for several years.

The first parish wardens were Paul Libbey and Richard Place, appointed by the town in 1770.

In the same year the first "fence viewers" were chosen:—Daniel Wingate, Lieut. Stephen Berry, George Willan, Capt. Jonathan Ham, and Samuel Loughton.

The first surveyors of lumber were Morris Ellis, Ens. John Burgess, and Silas Dame, in 1785.

Capt. John Brewster, Jonathan Dame, and Aaron Wingate were chosen "lot layers" in 1786.

In 1795 Joshua Lane was chosen first sealer of weights and measures, and Caleb Jackson sealer of leather.

The first surveyors of brick were Joshua Knight, Ichabod Corson, Jr., Joshua Hartford, and Howard Henderson, in 1798.

The first money raised by the town was £150, March 9, 1738. The first vote to hire money was January 21, 1745, when a committee was appointed to hire £22 to settle an execution against the town, and to pay for mending the meeting-house windows. In March, 1890, the town debt was \$52,602.73, and the amount raised by taxation was \$68,491.89.

The first public provision for lighting the streets was at the March meeting in 1878, when the selectmen were instructed to procure and run fifty street lamps to be placed in the three villages in proportion to their valuation, at a cost not exceeding \$2,000 (p.472).

The first mention of using a check-list is March 13, 1827. The following record of the number of names on the check-list at different periods shows the gradual increase in the number of voters: — 1827, 491; 1828, 522; 1831, 495; 1834, 488; 1838, 525; 1843, 569; 1864, 917; 1867, 1,056; 1868, 1,030; 1872, 1,198; 1876, 1,240; 1880, 1,683; 1884, 2,032; 1890, about 2,400.

As a town Rochester has been conservative in action, and not easily moved to adopt changes. The disposition of her voters seems to have been to "let well enough alone." This is evident from some of the preceding as well as following votes. September 13, 1779, when the plan for a state government was first proposed, Rochester gave only one vote in its favor. When the sense of the people has been taken from time to time on the expediency of revising the State Constitution, Rochester has most of the time voted against it. The Constitutional Convention of 1850 proposed fifteen amendments, all of which were rejected in Rochester by a large majority. Of the amendments proposed by the convention of 1876, all but one were adopted. The seven amendments of 1889 were all adopted in Rochester by strong majorities.

In 1836 the question of dividing Strafford county was presented in March, and again in November, and had a large majority in the negative. In March, 1838, the vote on dividing into three counties was 22 in favor and 149 against; but on dividing into two it stood 142 for and 41 against. In March, 1839, another vote was called for, which resulted in 165 yeas and 45 nays.

Sundry other noticeable votes have been as follows: — November 7, 1836, on the expediency of building an asylum for the insane, 92 yeas and 14 nays.

March 13, 1836, it was voted 120 to 1 that it is inexpedient to authorize the recording of deeds by the town clerk.

November 4, 1854, a vote on abolishing capital punishment stood 38 in favor to 184 against.

March 14, 1848, on the expediency of a prohibitory law there were 150 yeas to 74 nays.

March 11, 1851, on the expediency of the Homestead Exemption law, yeas 110 and nays 54.

At this time there were over a thousand voters, and it is noticeable in all these votes that a very small proportion of the people took interest enough to vote at all.

The following votes were passed March, 1854: —

“Voted to request our Representatives to Congress to oppose any bill for organizing any Territories allowing Slavery therein, where it is now excluded by compact. Voted to instruct our Representatives to the Legislature to vote for no person as United States Senator, unless he is pledged to vote against the extension of Slavery into territory now free.”

Rochester has been liberal in offering inducements to manufacturers to locate here. At a town meeting May 4, 1872,

“Voted to exempt from taxation any establishment proposed to be erected and put in operation in said town within ten years, for the term of five years, for the manufacture of cotton, wool, wood, iron, shoes and boots, and any other material, provided the capital invested shall exceed one thousand dollars.”

Subsequently more specific votes have been passed from time to time, exempting particular firms, under certain conditions, usually for a period of ten years.

CHAPTER XVII.

UNCLASSIFIED MISCELLANIES.

"On that shore with fowler's tact
Coolly bagging fact on fact,
Naught amiss to thee can float,
Tale or song or anecdote;
Village gossip centuries old,
Scandals by our grandams told."

WHEN the farmer having cut and piled his yearly stock of wood has gone to his plowing and planting, his thrifty wife may be seen every sunny day gathering her basket of chips, which she values almost more than the armfuls of solid sticks with which he has filled her kitchen box. So in writing a town history, some chips and knots will be scattered along the path, which, though disjointed and incoherent, are yet too valuable not to be gathered up.

The Queen Anne cannon procured by Mr. Main (p. 28) seems worthy a brief notice. After thirty years' possession, in 1776 the gun was demanded back by Col. Evans acting in the name of the Committee of Safety. The selectmen refused to give it up, as seen by the following letter:—

"To the Honorable Meshach Weare Esq., President of the General Assembly now sitting.

Sir: We received an order from the Committee of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire, in which we were desired to deliver to Col. Stephen Evans a four pound cannon which is in this town to be returned to Piscataqua Harbor, &c. Col. Evans applied for said cannon in April last, but without an order. We told the colonel we looked upon the cannon to be the town's property, and that it might be of service in alarming the country. &c., but still we told him we were willing it should be carried where your Honors should think it would answer the best end, in case he would give a receipt and promise the value thereof equal to what hath been given for other cannon bought for the use of the colony, on which the Col. told us he was in no capacity to receive it on that condition, and so left it.

On Saturday, 29th June last, Col. Evans sent again for said cannon, and likewise sent the above order. But as the same difficulty subsisted that there was at first (there being no person to give a receipt or rather security,) the cannon was not delivered.

The Selectmen acquainted the Committee of Safety for said Town with their proceedings relative to the cannon. They justify our proceedings, yet thought the cannon ought to be carried where it would answer the best end, but yet thought our request for the value thereof not unreasonable.

We would herewith testify our readiness to obey all such orders as we shall receive from the Honorable House from time to time, as also our willingness with lives and fortunes to bear our proportional part in defending and securing to us the rights, liberties and privileges we are now contending for, &c.

We are, Sir, Yours, and the Honorable House's most Humble and Obedient servants.

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| JABEZ DAME, | } | Selectmen |
| BARNABAS PALMER, | | of |
| WILLIAM ALLEN, | | Rochester. |

Rochester, July 3, 1776."

From this time the town retained undisputed possession of this ancient relic of royalty. It is impossible to trace all its wanderings, in which it seems to have experienced more than the usual vicissitudes of earthly affairs,—from the minister's to the tavern,—from scaring away "the barbarous Indian enemy," to celebrating with booming voice many anniversaries of national independence;—used first by one political party and then the other to hurl notes of defiance to their foes;—ever faithful through good report and evil report;—until, like many a brave soldier, its existence was thrown away in a noble cause by the folly and recklessness of its commander.

Originally intended as an alarm gun to summon the people in the hour of danger during the Indian wars, it was kept at Parson Main's. It was afterwards moved to the Wolfe Tavern (p. 485), a place of no small renown, being not merely the only public house, but the only store, where not only accommodations for weary travelers but such necessities of life as rum and crockery-ware were dispensed to anxious customers. Here the old gun for a long time found hospitable shelter, where its powers of loud speaking were not over-tested by warlike youths.

Among the many episodes of its eventful history, we find the following: On the day the Electors were to meet in 1840, the Whigs arranged to fire a salute with the old gun. Knowing their political opponents would prevent it if possible, they stationed a guard around the place where the gun was kept the night before. But in spite of all precautions, some one was crafty enough to crawl into the house and spike the gun. But the work was so hastily done, that the spike was easily removed, and the last toast

by which the day was celebrated was : — “The rat-tail file, — like all other loco-foco experiments, — a complete failure.”

The cannon was exploded July 4, 1845, by William J. Roberts, William Hodgdon, and others. Its fragments found an inglorious burial among metal of less noble origin in the iron heaps of the foundry. The town had lost a time-honored friend, and there were many mourners.

At the next town meeting the selectmen were instructed to prosecute the individuals who had sold the old iron. There was a long and expensive lawsuit in which the town was finally defeated by not being able to establish its ownership. This result seems to have been well deserved by the town for neglecting to care for so valuable a relic.

The town appears to have had no bills for the support of the poor until 1749. The first pauper was Richard Hammock, one of the original proprietors. Unwilling to acknowledge him as a public charge, after supporting him one year the town sued “the parish of Somersworth” for reimbursement. One item excepted, the bills in reference to Hammock’s case were the whole town expenses for that year. As the town soon after refused to “hier” a schoolmaster, the orthography of the records at this time may be of interest to the reader. It was voted to build “a brig at Cosheco river at Norway Plains.” And the Hammock account stands as follows : —

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| “ To cash paid 2 lawyears | 0— 4—19 |
| to paid Scur. Gage for swairing everdances | 0— 7— 6 |
| to paid Scur. Millet for a jackets cloth | 1—10— 0 |
| to paid Cornal Smith for acoppey of a warrant | 0— 4— 0 |
| to paid for making Richard Hammock a shurt | 0— 3— 0 |
| to paying y ^e jury | 0—13— 0 |
| to treeting y ^e jury | 0— 5— 0 |
| to paid for entering our axion at cort | 0—15— 9 |
| Cash paid for an appel | 0— 5— 0” |

The case was evidently lost on the first trial, but on the “appel” it appears that “treeting the jury” was attended with greater success, for no more bills were paid for Richard, and the town was credited with an execution against Somersworth. The amount, however, scarcely exceeded the expenses of the lawsuit, — a result not unknown in modern times. Many years passed before any other pauper was established on the town, for the selectmen were

very prompt to "warn out" all poor persons before they could gain a residence.

The first census of the Colony of New Hampshire of, which we have any record was in 1767. The returns from Rochester were as follows:—

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| Unmarried men from 16 to 60 years old, | 86 |
| Married men from 16 to 60 years old, | 142 |
| Boys 16 years and under, | 257 |
| Men 60 years and above, | 26 |
| Females unmarried, | 280 |
| " married, | 166 |
| Widows, | 22 |
| Male slaves, | 3 |
| Female slaves, | 2 |
| Total, | <hr/> 984 |

The next census was ordered by Governor John Wentworth, in 1773, when Rochester made the following returns:—

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| Unmarried men from 16 to 60, | 123 |
| Married men from 16 to 60, | 210 |
| Boys 16 and under, | 346 |
| Men 60 and upwards, | 26 |
| Females unmarried, | 437 |
| " married, | 241 |
| Widows, | 34 |
| Male slaves, | 2 |
| Female slaves, | 1 |
| Total, | <hr/> 1,420 |

Another census was taken in 1774, of which we have the following Rochester record:—

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| " Families, | 291 |
| Free males, | 785 |
| " females, | 763 |
| Slaves, | 3 |
| Total, | <hr/> 1,551 |

The first State census was in 1786, of which the following is the return:—

"State of New Hampshire: Pursuant to a Resolve of the House of Representatives, the 3^d March 1786, We by the appointment of the Selectmen For the Town of Rochester, Have Numbered the Inhabitants of the Town, and find their To Be 2453 Free Citizens as Taken By us also 3 Negroes.

JAMES ADAMS,
DANIEL WINGATE, jun.

Rochester June 5th, 1785."

In 1791 there were reported 2,857 inhabitants; and in 1800, 3,675, or exclusive of Farmington, which had heretofore been a part of Rochester, there were 2,646. The census returns since 1800 have been as follows:—

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| 1810, | 2,118 | | 1840, | 2,431 | | 1870, | 4,104 |
| 1820, | 2,471 | | 1850, | 3,006 | | 1880, | 5,788 |
| 1830, | 2,155 | | 1860, | 3,384 | | 1890, | 7,395 |

As in most New Hampshire towns these early records show traces of the existence of slavery. In 1767 five slaves were returned from Rochester, three male and two female. One of the latter was Huldah Bickford (p. 82). The other is unknown. The males were Mrs. Main's "negro man Pomp," "Cæsar" the slave of Capt. Jonathan Ham who lived at "the Neck," and one unknown. Jonathan Ham was a sea captain, and a man of some note in those times. With the aid of Cæsar, who had been trained to the cultivation of tobacco, he was able to raise his own "weed." It is said that he once sent home some coffee, but as he gave no directions about its use, the family cooked it as they would beans. After boiling it a long time with no prospect of softening, they gave it up in disgust. Capt. Ham raised more potatoes than any other man in town. One year his crop filled a half hogshead, and people far and near speculated with much wonder what he could do with so many. Soon after coming from the South, Cæsar awoke one morning to find the ground covered with snow, which puzzled his wits exceedingly. Thinking it must be sugar he seized a hoe and began eagerly scraping it into heaps, and was much vexed, on tasting, to discover his mistake. At one time Capt. Ham was dangerously sick, and Cæsar was very anxious. When Dr. Howe came, he inquired if "Massa Ham" would get well. The Doctor told him that he thought his master would die, and that nothing but prayer could save him. Cæsar, who was very religious, immediately hastened to the barn, whither the Doctor noiselessly followed, and heard him utter earnestly the following prayer:—

"O Lord! do sabe Massa Ham! Massa Ham a berry good man! Massa Ham good to make plow! Massa Ham good to make harrow! O Lord! don't take Massa Ham! If you must take somebody, take old Bickford! he ain't good for nothing."

The Doctor repeated this to Capt. Ham with such exhilarating

effect that he began to mend at once. So Cæsar's prayer saved his master. He was afterwards known as "Cæsar Wingate" from living for a time at Judge Wingate's on the Chestnut Hills road. Twenty years ago the author conversed with an old lady who remembered Cæsar well and had many anecdotes of his odd and semi-savage habits. His ebony face, glistening eyes, and ivory teeth made a deep impression on her youthful mind. Like most of the slaves in New Hampshire he became free at the close of the Revolution. It is worthy of remembrance that while our town has to bear the stigma of having held men in slavery, one of this abused race stands on the roll of honor, as one of the quota of Rochester in the Revolution, and fought three years for our independence (p. 71). In 1783, the same year that our independence was acknowledged, the last slave in Rochester died, and Mr. Haven considered the fact worthy of notice in his discourse the following Sabbath. He remarked:—

"Every one who prizes liberty will piously wish that this may be the last African ever held as a slave in this place. Liberty is alike precious to all; and we ought to abhor the idea of slavery, when it is not a punishment for some previous crime."

The records of every town will be found to contain some reference to the "surplus revenue" which is a puzzle to most of the present generation. In Jackson's administration the United States' revenue was larger than the expenses of government, and in 1836 Congress voted to "deposit the surplus" with the several state governments. New Hampshire divided her share among the several towns in proportion to the population. March 14, 1837, Rochester voted to receive her part, and the agent appointed received from the state treasurer \$5,496.12. This was loaned at six per cent interest, and the town voted to appropriate the income for the support of schools. In December, 1841, it was decided by a vote of more than three to one to divide the "surplus fund" equally among the legal voters and widows having a settlement. The following March an unsuccessful attempt was made to reconsider this vote. Owing to some mismanagement or unwise investment, the amount divided in 1845, which with accumulated interest should have been as much as \$6,500, was only about \$3,700. Had the fund been wisely invested and held, the town would have had an annual income of some

\$325 for schools. As it was, it practically amounted to nothing for the town's benefit, each taxpayer receiving only a few dollars.

ROCHESTER MILITIA.

Public holidays have long played an important part in the lives of the laboring people of New England. Besides the various state and national holidays, Rochester, like other towns, has often observed certain days of her own for recreation and enjoyment. At present no holiday is so eagerly awaited by the inhabitants of this and the neighboring towns as the Rochester Fair, held at that most delightful of seasons, the last of September and the first of October. The general muster of the militia at the same time of year was a holiday of no less interest and importance to the people of two preceding generations. By a state law of 1792, able-bodied citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five were required to meet twice a year for military drill. To these spring and fall trainings for each company in its own town was afterwards added the annual muster of the Thirty-ninth Regiment. This regiment consisted of five companies of regular infantry, one from each of the villages of Farmington, West Farmington, Milton Three Ponds, Gonic, and Rochester, together with one Light Infantry Company collected from all parts of the district, and the Rochester Artillery Company.* Sixty years ago this company ranked among the finest military organizations in the State. The only other companies that could be regarded as its rivals were the Strafford Guards of Dover, the Rockingham Guards of Portsmouth, and the Keene Light Infantry, commanded by the veteran Gen. James Wilson. In its early days this arm of the old militia was the pride of Rochester and embraced many of her best citizens. This company was organized as early as 1825 by William Hurd,† who was its first captain. Under his command the company became noted for efficiency and exact discipline. It was his boast that when drilling as infantry, he could "march them over a hay-mow without breaking ranks." His daughter, Mrs. Hubbard, relates, with commendable pride, that when they were to engage in a sham fight and competitive drill at Dover,

* The following account of this company is mainly on authority of Colonel Whitehouse.

† William Hurd moved into the village about 1816, and left many remembrances of his public spirit, among which are trees of his planting which still beautify both sides of Main street.

her father, anxious that every member should be on time, had the whole company assemble at his house in the night, where he gave them a hot breakfast and then marched them to Dover, whence they marched back the same night, "bringing the prize with them." They were trained to perform the most difficult evolutions at the motion of the sword, and rarely made a mistake. After the death of Captain Hurd in 1830, Jonathan H. Henderson commanded the company, and his successors in office were Joseph Dame, James M. W. Downs, Charles Demeritt, Lewis Garland, George W. Varney, and Ezekiel Ricker who commanded the company for the last seven years of its existence. Members were carefully selected as to size and all other qualifications, and every man who could not "fill the bill" was rejected. Consequently, membership was sought as an honor, and its ranks were filled with bright, energetic young men, and its officers were men of public spirit, standing, and character in the community. Thus the company was a favorite with the people, and its gatherings for drill were always looked forward to with much interest. Their gun was an exceptionally fine brass six-pounder, which was kept in a building near where the schoolhouse stands, on the east side of the common, bearing the inscription, "Gun House, 39th Reg't." On the disbandment of the company in 1849, this gun was returned to Portsmouth.

The same year the "Rochester Phalanx" was organized with J. H. Edgerly as captain, but it was found impossible to arouse sufficient military enthusiasm to maintain its activity for more than a year.

The regimental muster of all these companies was usually held at Rochester, but on different fields: one year at the old trotting park, one year near where Samuel Varney lives, but generally in later years either on the Kenney field (p. 489) back of where Wallace's factory now is, or on the Hale field across the railroad from where Breed's factory stands. The scenes and incidents of those muster days defy description. Everybody and his wife and children, rising long before day, came flocking to town in rattling wagons, hay-carts, ox-carts, and lumbering vehicles of indescribable variety, or hastening across the frosty fields on foot, clad in Sunday garb, with glowing faces and staring eyes, eager to be astonished at the long-expected display, and to enjoy the sports and excitements of the occasion. The proud militia man himself would get up in

season to do all his chores about the farm, and from miles distant arrive on the scene at five or six o'clock in the morning. And if such was the excitement of private citizens and soldiers, who can estimate the fiery zeal and swelling pride of the officers as they strutted about in the morning or issued orders to their companies from the tavern steps, and later in the day came upon the field resplendent in the glory of blue coats, white pantaloons, and tall caps shining with patent leather and decked with waving plumes of snowy whiteness, — seeming to the gaping crowd greater than king or president! Usually nobody had a higher appreciation of their greatness than the officers themselves, who resented the slightest infringement upon their exalted dignity. And yet the officer's position was not of unmixed pleasure. It had its drawbacks. His election brought the immediate necessity of treating the company, and a frequent method of "honoring an officer" was to assemble around his house in the early morning, wakening him with their furious cheers, and then partake of a hearty breakfast not ungarnished with other "refreshments," at his expense. Such things have a tendency to constant growth, so that in later times, at least, many refused military office on account of the increasing attendant expenses.

The muster field at its best presented a gay appearance. The various companies drawn up in line, with muskets and accouterments bright and clean, the officers scattered between the lines with fine uniforms and stately plumes, the Light Infantry much like the officers but with shorter plumes, and the Artillery Company with their formidable cannon, together with the motley crowd on every side, must have been an attractive and interesting scene. Gingerbread carts, candy stands, and all sorts of variety shows, with an occasional fight between heated partisans from different towns, afforded abundant merriment and diversion. Liquor and gambling booths grew more and more frequent, so that one year Captain Samuel Jones and his company from Farmington made a charge upon them and pitched them and their belongings over the fence. (p. 313.)

The brisk step, the martial dignity, and the clear, distinct orders of the morning had, in those days, generally become somewhat limp, languid, and indistinct toward the close of the day. Many still living can remember the great contrast between the inspiring,

clear-cut, exactly-timed strains of fife and drum as the companies came marching to the field in the morning, and the slip-shod, timeless whistle, and fumbling taps as they started on their homeward way.

Doubtless many anecdotes might be picked up to illustrate the amusing peculiarities of those great days. It was customary to fire a salute at the moment the Colonel appeared on the field. One Colonel, deeply sensible of the dignity of the office to which he had just been commissioned, complained to the Artillery Company that their salute was not loud enough,—not at all such as the Colonel of the Thirty-ninth Regiment ought to receive. The company made no reply, but the next year loaded their cannon to the very muzzle, and awaited his arrival. As he rode upon the field, erect and swelling with a proud sense of his great dignity, the salute came with a terrific explosion. Everybody was startled, and the Colonel's horse becoming unmanageable cast his noble form with all its splendid adornments sprawling in the dust. As they intended, no further complaints were made of the weakness of their salute.

This same Colonel in making the customary speech to the Regiment in the afternoon, was very pompous and fond of using high-sounding words without regard to their fitness. One of his expressions has come down to the present time. He said he hoped nobody would do anything to “*disgrace, enhance, or ridicule*” the militia.

The last general muster was in 1847, and the remembrance of those festive scenes is fast fading away, so that it is now difficult to realize the important position which “Muster Day” held in the lives of our predecessors. Descriptions of those days not only afford entertainment, but are a valuable part of history, furnishing a characteristic picture of New England life during the first half of the present century.

A little more than ten years after the dissolution of the militia system, the people were suddenly summoned to arms to defend the life of the Nation, and instead of gala-day festivities, came weary marches, and fields deluged with blood. There was no longer the time or the disposition to *play* at soldiering in presence of the fearful reality. Nearly twenty years elapsed before the young men of another generation began to feel the fascinations of military display. The State made provision for volunteer service, and companies were

formed in all the cities and most of the large towns. The company formed at Rochester appears on the state rolls as Co. E, 2d Regiment New Hampshire National Guard, but was organized as the Sturtevant Guards July 11, 1884. This name was in honor of J. D. Sturtevant (p. 477) who made them a donation of \$100. The first officers were Isaac D. Piercy, captain; Fred L. Chesley, first lieutenant; and Horatio L. Cate, second lieutenant.

BANDS.

"Mechanics' Band" was organized in 1839, by John Hall, who became its leader. The original members, besides himself, were Wingate Chase, Shubael B. Cole, John Crockett, Natt Crosby, William French, William Gledghill, Thomas Hall, John Holler, Benjamin Jellerson, Eli Lord, Markwell McDuffee, John Neil, George B. Roberts, Andrew Robinson, I. W. Springfield, Eben Welch, Isaiah N. Wilkinson, and Charles Young. At the time of the celebrated Tippecanoe Jubilee, June 17, 1840, a log cabin was sent from Great Falls to Concord, with a great crowd of people, among whom were about two hundred from Rochester accompanied by Mechanics' Band. This band attracted much attention and was regarded one of the finest in the State. "On the return of the band to Rochester the ladies of the village awaited it with a beautiful flag, which was presented in a neat speech by Eliza Kenney (afterwards Mrs. Z. Sargent), and a speech of acceptance was made by G. B. Roberts. This flag was kept by John Hall for forty years and presented to the American Band."

The "Rochester Brass Band" held its first meetings in the old Court House, in September, 1850, and continued six years. Its membership was as follows: — I. W. Springfield, president; Charles G. Horney, leader; George Allison, John Beecher, Andrew Giles, Thomas Hall, Abial Horne, Edward Horney, George H. Horney, Benjamin Jellerson, Charles E. Manson, Levi L. Pierce, John H. Richardson, T. Richardson, John W. Ricker, and James Robinson.

The "American Band," which is still flourishing, was formed in September, 1871. For most of the time Lewis S. Clark has been its director. From 1876 to 1881 this band hired the services of Mr. Carty, and under his skillful training achieved a desirable reputation in the surrounding country. Its financial success has

been largely due to the wise management of its treasurer, Charles F. Caverly.

In 1889 the "Cadet Band" was formed, composed of French residents, and has already made creditable progress under the directorship of Lewis S. Clark. Rindge's Band of Gonic was organized the same year, so that Rochester has three bands at the present time.

East Rochester has had two bands at different times, but too short-lived to achieve much distinction.

ROCHESTER FAIR.

In 1874 the people of Rochester becoming dissatisfied with the management of the old County Fair, determined to start one of their own, and the "Rochester Agricultural and Mechanical Association" was formed "to improve and stimulate mechanical and agricultural skill." Within three weeks after the subject was first broached, the fair was in successful operation on the old Riverside Trotting Park. A hastily collected exhibition of farm and mechanical products was displayed in a canvas tent. For the next two years no fair was held because satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the Riverside Association. In 1877 and 1878, however, fairs were successfully held on the same ground. After trying in vain to purchase the Riverside Park, the Agricultural and Mechanical Association bought a tract of thirty-eight acres, which they named "Cold Spring Park," from the powerful spring in a wooded ravine on its eastern side, from which a steam-pump forces an abundant supply of pure cold water to all parts of the grounds. The first fair held in this park was in 1879. The exhibition building then used was destroyed by a violent storm in the winter of 1882, and the present one was erected the following summer, being in the form of a Maltese cross 90 feet each way. Besides this there is a mechanics' building 35 by 100 feet, a grand stand capable of seating two thousand persons, and stables 1,250 feet in length. There is also an art building 25 by 60 feet with a graceful tower in the center, and a "Café" consisting of two wings, each 25 by 77 feet. Nearly \$25,000 has already been expended, and during the coming year it is proposed to enlarge the present buildings, to erect a shed 300 feet long for town teams, and largely improve the ground in other respects.

The Association was formed by seventy men who paid a dollar each for membership, and this \$70 is all that has been paid in, except the income of the fairs. In 1886 the organization was changed to a stock company with one hundred shares of \$50 each. One share was given to each of the seventy original members, but the other thirty shares have never been issued. The first officers were I. W. Springfield, president; A. S. Parshley, secretary; and A. W. Hayes, treasurer; all of whom have retained their offices to the present time.

This institution has been phenomenal in its growth and success. From the small show in the canvas tent of the first fair, its large and elegant buildings are now yearly crowded with rare and interesting products of the soil or of the shop, and from the hundreds of 1874, it has come to attract thousands of people from the surrounding country to gaze with admiring eyes on its annual displays of agricultural and mechanical productions. The first year only about \$1,200 was taken, but in 1890 the receipts were over \$10,000. This great success has been due not only to the fact of meeting a public want, but largely also to the enterprising skill of its principal managers, and especially to the efficient energy of its treasurer, Captain Hayes.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

For indisputable antiquity, universal celebrity, and world-wide brotherhood, Freemasonry is easily first of all secret orders. The founding of a Lodge in Rochester was mainly due to the efforts of J. H. Woodman (p. 332), who presented a petition therefor at a special communication of the Grand Lodge which was held at the house of Andrew Lovejoy in Sanbornton, October 25, 1809, Edward J. Long being Grand Master. A dispensation was issued to J. H. Woodman, Timothy F. Preston, Benjamin Wiggin, and others, to assemble as a Lodge of Masons in Rochester; and at a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge at Portsmouth, October 24, 1810, Clement Storer being Grand Master, a charter was granted them to assemble under the title of "Humane Lodge No. 21." This Lodge has from the beginning borne upon its records the names of many of the best and most distinguished of our citizens, and consequently has had a successful and honorable career of useful and benevolent activity.

Temple Chapter No. 20, of Royal Arch Masons was organized under a charter bearing date May 18, A. I. 2405, A. D. 1875, with the following charter members:—James Farrington, Charles B. Gafney, George Corson, Joseph A. Dame, Charles K. Chase, James H. Edgerly, Solomon H. Feineman, Frederick Feineman, Isaac W. Springfield, Franklin McDuffee, Charles E. Manson, Arthur D. Whitehouse, E. C. Blackmar, Everett M. Sinclair, William Moore, and Silas G. Kellogg. The first High Priest was James Farrington. The present membership, October, 1890, is 117, with John L. Copp as High Priest.

Among benevolent organizations of modern origin, Odd-fellowship is deservedly pre-eminent. March 16, 1846, Motolinia Lodge No. 18 was instituted by Grand Master S. H. Parker, with Charles Dennett, Stephen M. Mathes, Jacob McDuffee, M. T. Curtis, and Edwin Bradbury as charter members. Asa P. Hanson, George B. Roberts, I. W. Springfield, and John Stott were initiated the same day, and Asa P. Hanson was the first Noble Grand. At the end of the first year there were 48 members, 39 residing in Rochester and 9 in Farmington. Woodbine Lodge of Farmington, and Miltonia Lodge of Milton both sprang from this Lodge, besides the other two Lodges in Rochester. The character of the membership and the management of this Lodge have secured to Odd-fellowship a high standing in this vicinity.

Kennedy Lodge I. O. O. F. was instituted by Grand Master S. J. Osgood, August 24, 1875. The charter members were Thomas Brown, Ira Doe, John Crockett, Charles W. Brown, Osman B. Warren, Wilbur F. Warren, John H. Pingree, George W. Rollins, and James H. Warburton. Twenty-one were initiated the first night, and the first Noble Grand was Charles W. Brown.

Cocheco Lodge No. 39 I. O. O. F. was organized at East Rochester, April 26, 1878, Grand Master Henry A. Farrington conducting the ceremonies. Elbridge H. Corson was the first Noble Grand.

Norway Plains Encampment I. O. O. F. was instituted September 11, 1849, by Past Grand Master S. H. Parker, and the first Chief Patriarch was Thomas Brown.

Of still more recent benevolent orders, the Knights of Pythias stands foremost. Rising Sun Lodge No. 7, K. of P., was instituted

January 5, 1870, with twenty-two charter members. W. F. Horn was first Chancellor Commander, Andrew Daggett holding the same office at the present time, October, 1890. This organization has flourished from the beginning, and bears on its rolls the names of many of our leading citizens.

The order of "Patrons of Husbandry," better known to the public as "Grangers," began in the city of Washington in 1867, and has rapidly spread over the whole country. Rochester Grange No. 86 was organized May 30, 1876, and is composed of some of the best farmers in town with their families. The first Master was I. W. Springfield, who held the office for ten years. His successors have been Dudley B. Waldron and Frank P. Wentworth.

Runnawitt Tribe No. 9, Improved Order of Red Men, was instituted on the 3d Sun, Warm Moon, G. S. D. 396 (March 3, 1887), with T. C. Hennem, Prophet, and J. S. Daniels, Sachem. The Order has rapidly increased, containing at present one hundred and twenty-five members with C. W. Evans, Prophet, and L. G. Cooper, Sachem.

Sampson Post, G. A. R., has already been noticed (p. 235).

Other secret orders are quite numerous in Rochester, as: — the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Golden Cross; the United Order of American Workmen; the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the Saint Jean Baptiste Société; the Ancient Order of Foresters; the Good Templars, and doubtless many more.

CEMETERIES.

The first recorded mention of a burial ground in Rochester is found in the Proprietors' record of May 28, 1744, when six acres of land was given to Mr. Main with the condition that he should not encroach on the burying place. This was probably the same burying ground which having been before "given by the Proprietors" was laid out June 28, 1777, — "beginning about 20 ft due East from the North East Corner of the meeting house." The six acres deeded to Mr. Main included this lot, and he left it by will to his "heirs and assigns forever." Tradition says that in digging the first grave a stone was found so large that it had to be drawn out

by a yoke of oxen, and that it was left as a natural monument at the head of the grave, where it may still be seen near the upper wall. The oldest legible inscription is that of John McDuffee, who died 1752. Another worthy of notice is "In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Plumer Wife of the Hon. John Plumer Esq. who died Jan^y 26. 1770." Here also are buried several of the early ministers, as has been previously mentioned. (Chap. VI.) Another stone bearing the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Cochran recalls a sad accident. She was traveling on horseback with her husband from Londonderry to Conway, and her horse taking fright she was thrown near the Wolfe Tavern where she soon died Oct. 21, 1778, in the thirty-first year of her age. This lot is now known as the "Haven Hill Cemetery," and has long ceased to be used, except occasionally by the descendants of a few old families.

After the new meeting-house was built in 1780, it was proposed to have the common around it for a burying-ground according to the old English custom, and a few interments were made there. But the ground was so wet that the graves would fill with water as fast as they were dug, and the dead were removed to what is now known as the "Old Cemetery." This was laid out in 1800, according to the following record:—

" Return of Burying ground

" Agreeable to a vote of the Town of Rochester passed, we have laid out of the Town's land for a burying place as follows, beginning near the clay pits on a line extended from the lower side line of the lot sold Hatevil Knight North 82° east four rods from said Knights corner and run on said line about eleven rods to some land sold to Maj Solomon Perkins & Benjamin Palmer then by said Perkins & Palmer land twenty rods—then Towns land South 48° east nineteen rods to a stake then by land left for a four rods road south 50° east eleven rods to the first bounds containing about one acre & fifty five square rods—also we have agreed with Jabez Dame Esq and with Joseph Hanson to move theer lots lower down 2 rods to open a pass to & from said Burying yard between said Jabez Dames lot & land of Widow place laid out this 25th day of August 1800

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| Rich ^d Dame | } | Selectmen " |
| Beard Plummer | | |
| Joshua Allen | | |

The clay pits mentioned refer to a very ancient brickyard near the "Old Cemetery" and recall the following anecdote. Messrs. U. and W. were sworn enemies. Mr. U. was very sick with fever, and one night said to John McDuffee who was watching with him, "I am very sick and may die, and I don't want my bones made into brick, to be put into W.'s hearth, for him to put his feet on."

The oldest legible inscription here is "Mary B. Wife of Hatevil Knight, Died 1801." This lot remained unfenced for many years, and when the little son of Capt. William Hurd died in December, 1826, he built a fence around the grave, with a tablet bearing this verse:—

"Sacred should be the place where sleep the dead,
Behold this rooted up, by cattle fed.
When our devoted friends are buried here
The ungrateful man forgets, nor sheds a tear."

Through his influence the cemetery was fenced soon after.

By the efforts of Charles A. C. Hanson a fund of nearly five thousand dollars has been secured for the perpetual care of the "Old Cemetery." (Appendix.) The care of this under the annexed conditions was accepted by the town at the annual meeting March 11, 1890.

Foreseeing the necessity of a new cemetery, Franklin McDuffee and Ebenezer G. Wallace bought the land adjoining the "Old Cemetery" in order to reserve it for that purpose alone. September 9, 1864, they sold it to the Rochester Cemetery Association for \$750, the same that they paid for it. This lot has since been known as the "New Cemetery," and is described in the deed as follows:—

"Beginning on the northerly side of the road leading from Rochester Village to East Rochester at the Southwesterly Corner of land owned by the Great Falls and Conway Railroad Company, thence running north thirty eight degrees west by said Companies' land twenty four rods five links thence south fifty one degrees west seventy nine rods fourteen links to the stone post in the northeasterly corner of burying ground recently opened by Walter F. Farrington; thence south thirty two degrees east by said burying ground nine rods and twenty links; thence southerly by said burying ground fence as it now stands to land of Silas Wentworth; thence south Seventy two degrees east by said Wentworth's land twelve rods twenty links to the road running to East Rochester; thence by said road north forty nine degrees east thirty six rods eight links; thence north fifty degrees east by said road forty six rods to the bound begun at."

They sold the first lot June 1, 1865, to Thomas E. Sherman of Newport, R. I. Sixteen days later they bought of Walter F. Farrington a small "heater-shape" piece of land adjoining. May 9, 1877, they purchased of Enoch T. Willey fifteen and seven sixteenths acres just across the road from their first purchase. This lot was bounded on one side by the old road to East Rochester, and on another by the Great Falls & Conway railroad. March 23, 1841, the Association bought still another lot adjoining the

last. The first burial here was that of Jonathan Overand, August, 1865 (p. 513). Since then the "New Cemetery" has filled rapidly, and its neatly kept walks and grounds with many fine monuments are worthy of special notice.

The cemetery back of the Gonic schoolhouse was originally part of the Benjamin Hayes farm now owned by Col. Charles S. Whitehouse. It is practically, however, a public burying ground, and has been used as such for as many as seventy-five years. It contains some one hundred and seventy-five graves.

Cold Spring Cemetery, named from a spring of clear, cold water in its northerly corner, is situated on the bank of the Salmon Falls river, just east of East Rochester village, and contains about five acres. The land was bought of George W. and Joseph Blaisdell, March 29, 1883, by an association consisting of Charles Blaisdell, Elbridge H. Corson, Frank W. Corson, John L. Dillingham, George L. Hayes, Sidney B. Hayes, George McCrillis, Joel S. McCrillis, John C. Shorey, and Stephen F. Shorey. Joseph Blaisdell's son Benjamin F., who died November 16, 1864, of wounds received in battle, had already been buried in this lot. After it was laid out as a cemetery, the first burials were children of J. C. Shorey and E. H. Corson, which were disinterred and brought here. The next burial was that of William P. Folsom, who died February 19, 1884. Between seventy and eighty lots have been sold, and the grounds are being beautified and improved every year.

About half a mile west of Rochester village lies the French Catholic Cemetery which was consecrated May 30, 1886.

The Irish Catholic Cemetery a little below the village on the new road to Dover was consecrated July 4, 1888.

Some other small private burying grounds require no special notice.

A strange fanaticism which gained a footing in East Rochester and other places, about thirty years ago, cannot well be omitted in a history of the town.

Elder George J. Adams, who had been a Methodist minister for eight years, afterwards a stage actor, and a Mormon preacher, suddenly made his appearance one rainy Sunday in October, 1861, at the house of John W. Tebbetts, where Isaac Rankins now lives at Blaisdell's Corner. He had his wife and boy with him and asked

for food and shelter. During the preceding year he had gathered a few followers at Springfield, Mass., and was now on his way to Maine. At Addison, Me., and the vicinity he gained a large number of disciples, among whom a Mr. McKenzie joined him in publishing a paper called "The Sword of Truth and Harbinger of Peace," and furnished considerable money for his other schemes. After a few months he came back to East Rochester and held frequent meetings in the church and in the schoolhouse at Blaisdell's Corner. He declared that he had been appointed of God to establish the true "Church of the Messiah"; that two angels had ordained him to the Priesthood of Melchizedek, and had given him power to heal the sick by laying on of hands. Many crowded to hear him, and a great impression was made, about forty joining his church. They called themselves "Ephraimites," and said that the other churches were Babylon. He persuaded them to turn all their property into money and follow him to Palestine where the Lord would soon come and make them rulers; some over ten cities, and some over five, according to the Scripture promise. He took their money to buy land in what he called the "Valley of Jehoshaphat," near the city of Jaffa, each one paying from \$45 to \$100 dollars in gold for a lot. By his persuasive speech he induced one hundred and fifty-six persons, about twenty-five of whom were from East Rochester, to intrust their money and themselves to his care. They sailed from Jonesport, Me., on the 10th of August, 1866, and on arriving at Jaffa, built sixteen houses on a lot of about four acres just outside the city. They soon found they had been terribly deceived. "The first building put up was a rum-shop, and its best customer was the elder. One of his cronies said that he spent over \$500 in liquor in a few months, and was subject to delirium tremens. He had control of the funds, nearly all of which he appropriated to his own use." By the next June starvation was at their doors with no prospect of relief, and many of their number died from the hardships encountered. In the very extremity of their distress, Moses S. Beech of New York gave the money necessary to bring them home, where a remnant of fifty-three arrived November 15, 1867.

Occasional "mad dog" scares furnish excitement to almost every country town. One such occurred in Rochester about 1812, when hydrophobia seemed to have assumed an epizootic form. Collector Hayes had a steer bitten in the tail by a mad fox which he fortunately killed on the spot with a stake. The steer was also killed and burned in a great fire built for the purpose. Seeing what appeared to be a mad dog running by, Squire Plumer hastily mounted his horse and hurried to warn the people. After biting some other animals the dog was killed in Mr. Barker's yard. A dog-killer's club was formed, and the members ransacked the town, slaughtering every dog they could find. Some families tried to conceal their pets, but they were all dragged out and slain. One old lady had a hog bitten in the nose, and her hired hands were about to kill it, but she insisted on building a pen with a high fence to secure it from harming any other animal, and it gave no further trouble, proving the best hog of the season.

About the first of November, 1860, quite a sensation was produced by the discovery of human bones, by some boys jumping down a sand bank near the old trotting park, where the notorious "Foss Tavern" once stood. They were thought to be the remains of a young Nova Scotian named Webster who came here from Newburyport, Mass., and was supposed to have been murdered about 1846 by a rival in love. It was known that about 1853 an old woman living near by, had sent for an "elder," when on her death bed, and had made some startling confession, so that she was very carefully attended, being apparently under surveillance instead of neglect as before.

Every town has its peculiar local names, the origin of which is often a puzzle to succeeding generations. The only remembrancer to Rochester people of the Rev. Avery Hall is found in the name "Whitehall Swamp," sometimes written White Hall. In the dry years of 1761-62 this tract was so deeply burned over that the soil itself was almost destroyed. After the fire, white birches sprang up and covered it so thickly that it became literally white. A large part of it being "parsonage laud" belonged to Mr. Hall while he was the legal minister. Hence the name; perhaps, at first, Hall's White Swamp, which would be easily transposed to the present form. The name first appears upon the town records during Mr. Hall's ministry.

"Blue Job" in the edge of what is now Farmington received its name in a similar way. "Blue" describes the appearance of the mountain, or, as some say, alludes to the great number of blueberries that grow there; and "Job" is from Job Allard who formerly owned the mountain. Of most other Rochester local names the origin is obvious or has already been given.

New Hampshire streams have always been subject to great "freshets" or floods. Old records refer to such in 1770 and 1785, sweeping away mills and bridges in all directions. That they are less frequent or less destructive in recent times is doubtless owing both to firmer built structures, and floods rendered smaller by the extensive removal of the ancient forests.

On the first page of the fly-leaf of the old town book, which begins with records of 1737, we find the following:—

"Rochester June y^e 30th 1759 we had a severe hard frost which killd most of the Pumkins Vines and Beans Squashes and cucumbers and cut the Tops of the corn of through most of the town —

"Monday 15th Jan^y 1770 and the Day before was as Great a Flood of Rain as has been Known in the Age of a man which swelld the fresh Rivers so as to Sweep away most of the Bridges over them hereabout and in this Town in Particular and many Mills were Carried away or much Damaged."

A few now living still remember the famous "cold season" of 1816, and many of the present generation have been deeply impressed by the accounts of it which they have heard from parents or grandparents. The following is a page from "John Plummer Jun^r Day book began the 12th day of October 1803." The dates are a little mixed:—

"1816 July 4th Dreadfull windy and cold & frost nites for four days in succession it was so cold that a person felt uncomfortable with winter cloths on; it stoped the corn from growing and killed a great part of it; beans and other things in proportion the 9th there was a total eclipse of the moon and a great frost. Pleasant the 10th but not warm. Began to weed the corn the 17th rain the 27, a small frost very dry and warm till July 17th showers all day a frost finished hoeing 24th began to mow 25th some corn spindled. grass uncommonly short, beef low & corn slim. 3 loads to odiorne place. 5 at blackwater mowed it in 3 days 18th August. 21st at night great frost killed most all the corn in the country. Sept. 3^d finished mowing 3 loads at allards, not $\frac{3}{4}$ as much hay as usual, very dry and windy Sept 11th at night a heavy frost— Some Corn fit for to roast, but very little 13th a storm began, no rain before for about 6 weeks it was the driest time that has been known for many years 16th Cleared off very warm 19th a rainy night Cleared off 20th warm 21st a frosty night 25th a very heavy frost 26th another killed all the leaves on the corn and part of the stalks. froze the ear through Corn in the milk, not but one ear on twelve acres of ground in the place that is speckt. Cutting it all up by the

ground and shocking it. October 8 finished digging potatoes 100 bu. in the Young orchard 100 in the old orchard & 50 in the little pasture and elsewhere 9th Came up overcast P M and rained some overcast the 10th misty & a shower P M. 14th rain P M began at one, a smart rain 15th overcast finished making cider 12 hds rainy night. 16th warm & overcast. 17th rainy all day windy & squally night 18th squally morning, windy all day Cleared off 19th warm 21 overcast 22 rainy & a very rainy night 23 Cleared off warm 25th got all of the corn. about 10 bushels fit to grind rainy night 26th rainy warm with a great deal of rain till Nov^r, 11th then a little snow."

Many people still remember the spring of 1841 when snowdrifts were over the fences till the first of May, it being the coldest April ever known. Many cattle almost starved being compelled to subsist by browsing trees cut for them by the farmers in the lack of hay.

To all who remember the "Anti-Slavery Conflict," in which originated the "Woman's Rights" movement, so called, the name of "Abby Folsom" must be familiar, though few may remember that she was from Rochester. She was the daughter of Paul Harford (p. 129), and was born in 1792. She married Peter Folsom, who learned his trade of Capt. Odiorne, and kept a saddler's shop in his house next below the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a man of much wit and natural ability, but would have occasional "sprees," though he reformed and was a consistent member of the Congregational church in the latter part of his life. After a few years trial, "Abby" left him, and returned to live with her sister at their old home, from which they removed to Boston. She became noted as an energetic advocate of all so-called "reforms," and as one of the earliest woman lecturers. She was benevolent and sympathetic towards all who were suffering whether justly or unjustly, and would go into the courts to plead for those on trial, and into the jails to seek their release; and if successful, would often take them to her home and aid them to secure employment. She was a frequent visitor to the State House during sessions of the Legislature, and whether there, or at other public gatherings in halls or in churches, it was impossible to keep her silent if anything was said that displeased her. She was generally let alone to talk as she pleased, but when it became necessary to good order to restrain and silence her, she became violent and unmanageable. She felt she had a mission and was determined to fulfill it in spite of all opposition. She

was fond of little children, and often invited them to her home when living in Rochester, and sometimes visited the schoolroom to give them good advice or repeat to them some text of Scripture. Returning in her last years to the old homestead she died there August 5, 1867, aged seventy-five years, and at her own request was buried in the same grave with her sister in the old cemetery.

Only elderly people have now any adequate impression of the intense bitterness of political rancor prevailing during the anti-slavery conflict. At one time both Henry Wilson and a prominent Democrat were to speak the same day in Rochester or vicinity, and the friends of each had engaged a dinner for their speaker at the Mansion House. Mrs. Wentworth prepared a special table and dinner for them in her very best style. But when they were ushered into the dining room, the Democrat refused to sit at the same table with Wilson, — a specimen of merely political prejudice which seems hardly possible here at the present time.

“Parson Haven” said that he once laughed in meeting. Paul Libbey was a tall, straight man who wore a flannel cap to keep his bald head warm. Levi Dearborn, who was also bald-headed, wore a wig. They were both singers and sat near together. One Sabbath as they were standing singing, Libbey’s cap fell off. Immediately Dearborn threw off his wig that he might not look different from his old companion. The sight was so amusing that even the minister could not refrain from laughing.

In his last sickness the family asked Mr. Haven if he had any wishes about the arrangements for his funeral. His answer was:— “You attend to it. I shall be there, but you will not see me.”

Josiah Main, grandson of the first minister, was something of “a character” in his day. He was noted for ready wit and skill in argument. Many characteristic anecdotes still survive. One day he was at work for his neighbor, Squire Baker, and sat next him at the dinner table. After asking the blessing, which was very long, the Squire sought to clear his throat as usual with a mug of cider which always stood by his plate. Somewhat surprised to find it empty, he turned sharply and said, “’Siah, did you drink that cider?” “I did, Squire,” was the answer, “we are taught to watch as well as pray.”

He was familiar with the Scriptures and gifted in the use of language. So one day when a company happened to be gathered at Hurd's store near the common, among whom were Main and Elder Runnals, a bet was made of two quarts of rum, which could pray the best, the Elder or 'Siah Main. They had already "imbibed" rather freely, or the Elder would not have assented to such a sacrilegious test. It fell to the Elder to begin, and he prayed so earnestly that the neighbors and others gathered in considerable numbers before he had finished. Then Josiah began and prayed with so much apparent fervor and effective eloquence that he easily won the bet. "I don't understand how you did it," said the Elder. "Why, I began where you left off, and put in what you left out, and that's how I did it," replied Josiah. And then they all took a drink.

He lived on Haven hill near the graveyard, and when seeking his second wife, told her his home was in the thickest settled part of the town. When she arrived at the little cottage standing alone, she inquired in much surprise, "Where are the people?" "There they are," said her husband, pointing to the cemetery, "but they are very quiet folks, and won't disturb you." Not long after he told her that their residence would be a good place for a shoemaker. "Why so?" asked his wife. "Because when the people come forth at the resurrection, they will all be barefooted," was his sober reply.

Soon after Mr. Upham was settled as pastor, he called on his father's old friend, and said, "I don't see you at church, as I should like to." "No," said Siah, "the fact is I have no suitable clothes to appear in there, but I make use of my Bible all the same." "Yes," spoke up his wife, "he uses it to hone his razor Sunday mornings." "Parson," said Josiah, "do you know why a woman does n't grow a beard?" "No," said Mr. Upham. "Because," was the reply, "she can't hold her tongue still long enough to get shaved."

APPENDIX.

WILLIAM N. HASTINGS, mentioned on page 12, distinguished for his success in microscopy, is about to publish a pamphlet, "Desmids of New Hampshire," to contain a list of all desmids observed by him, with full descriptions and illustrative plates of all new ones. Only about one hundred varieties are known in the United States, of which Mr. Hastings has discovered sixteen, a larger number than any other person. He has kindly furnished the following list, with the date when the diagnosis of each was published in the "Anti-Monopolist and Record": —

STAUROSTRUM MEGALONOTUM (Nordstedt) variety OBTUSUM, Hastings, *var. novum*. Sept. 8, 1888.

XANTHIDIUM TRUNCATUM, Hastings, *species novum*. This was published as X. Antilopæum, *var. Truncatum*, but Prof. Otto Nordstedt says it is a good species. Oct. 20, 1888.

CLOSTERIUM ANGUSTATUM, *var. CLAVATUM*, Hast. *var. nov.* Oct. 20, 1888.

EUASTRUM MAGNIFICUM, variety CRASSIOIDES, Wolle, *var. nov.* Discovered by W. N. H., named by Mr. Wolle. Published Oct. 27, 1888.

EUASTRUM HASTINGSII, Wolle, *spec. nov.* This was published as E. Wollei, Hast., but Mr. Wolle says the name has already been used and names it as above. Sept. 1, 1888.

GONATOZYGON RALFSII, Brebisson. Not new to science, but new to United States flora. Nov. 17, 1888.

STAUROSTRUM MAAMENSE, Archer. Not new to science, but new to the United States flora. Nov. 17, 1888.

STAUROSTRUM CRESCENTUM, Hastings. *Spec. nov.* March 2, 1889.

MICRASTERIAS SWAINII, Hastings. *Spec. nov.* This was discovered by Seorim Swaine of Rochester, and named as above by W. N. H. June 29, 1889.

CLOSTERIUM ROBUSTUM, Hastings, *spec. nov.* Dec. 26, 1890.

CEOSTERIUM MACULATUM, Hastings, *spec. nov.* Dec. 26, 1890.

CLOSTERIUM LINEATUM, var. Costatum, Wolle, *var. nov.* Nov. 3 1888.

The foregoing are all the species and varieties that have been published. Four more have been discovered and some others not fully determined are under consideration.

The first page of the first bound volume of Church Records is as follows:—the items evidently having been copied from some older record.

“A Book of Records of the Church of Christ in Rochester A. D. 1766.

“December 26th 1728 Timothy Roberts moved his Family into Rochester, being the first Family that Settled in said Town. (p. 43.)

“June 27th 1746 Joseph Heard; Joseph Richards; John Wentworth; and Gershom Downs were killed by the Indians, on the main Road about two Miles from the Foot of the Town. At the same Time & place, John Richards was wounded & captivated; and on the same Day Jonathan Door, a young Lad was captivated by the Indians at Salmon Falls Road in Rochester. (p. 22.)

“May 1st 1747 The Wife of Jonathan Hodgdon was killed by the Indians, near Squamanagonic Mills, being Sabbath Day Morning.” (p. 30.)

On page 22 the name of John Wentworth was omitted by mistake. The date of Mrs. Hodgdon's death is evidently as given on page 30, as May 1, 1748 was the Sabbath. Jonathan Hodgdon married again, and had in all twenty-one children.

Pages 245 and 265.

The first Sunday school in Rochester was started about 1819. It is remembered that it was a year before the first one in Portsmouth. Hannah Upham first called a few children together at the Court House. She was assisted by Ruth Haven, and afterwards by Eliza March and Arabella Smith. The books used were the Bible, Watts's Hymns, and the Catechism. At the close of school they marched two and two to the meeting house where they had seats in the gallery. It was designed for poor children

who had no instruction at home. Gradually others came in, and the whole system slowly developed to include all who would meet and study the Bible. It was at first held only in the summer, being kept through the winter of 1842-43 for the first time. The following is the roll of the Union Sabbath School of 1826. A part of the paper is torn off, removing entirely the 5th class of boys and mutilating the record of the 9th and 10th classes of girls. The names above each class are written with pencil, and appear to be the teachers. One or two are doubtful.

“ 15 Verses Each. Tim (?) Upham.

Class 1st Theodore C. Woodman, George Hoyt, John B. Hanson, Joseph H. Hanson, Francis W. Upham, Benjamin D. Colbath, Jasper York, Haniford Odlin.

Mr. McCrillis.

Class 2d Charles Hurd, Rufus Hoyt, John Pray, Richard Ross, George Hoyt, Wingate Chase.

Joseph (?) Smith.

Class 3d Charles L. Hoyt, Albert Upham, Joseph Hurd, Charles Main, Joseph Hayes, Charles Dame, Daniel Calef.

McDuffee.

Class 4th Shubal Cole, John D. Hoyt, Samuel Kenney, Charles Dennett, George Main, Oliver H. Tebbets.

15 Verses. Sarah Ann March.

Class 1st Sophia Henderson, Elizabeth Cole, Mary E. Hanson, Harriet Woodman, Esther Ann Hanson.

15 Verses. Miss Cole.

Class 2d Sarah Jane Woodman, Ruth Upham, Maria Demerit, Sophia Hurd.

12 Verses. Rosa Brewster.

Class 3d Susan Bartlett Maria Woodman, Juanna Hurd, M. Hoyt.

12 Verses. Miss Pray.

Class 4th Caroline Hale, Betsey S. Chase, Roxana Runnels, Emerline Roberts, Martha S. Roberts.

15 Verses Lucy Hurd.

Class 5th Mary Ross, Mary Tebbets, Sarah Tebbets, Susan Clark, Charlotte Hurd.

12 Verses. Caroline March.

Class 6th Elizabeth Hoyt, Elizabeth Richards, Sally Hurd, L. Hurd Smith.

10 Verses. Mary Knight.

Class 7th Ruth Pierce, Mary Horne, Elizabeth Horne, Emerline Demerit, Mercy Kenney.

10 Verses. Miss Dimmick. (?)

Class 8th Dolly Haven, Lydia Haven, Susan Haven, Mary Demerit, Sarah Bickford.

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Class 9th Hannah York, Elizabeth Hodgdon, Sarah

6 Verses.

Class 10th Sarah Charberlain, Mary J
Olive C

Ann Clark, Lavinia Corson,

Class 11th Abigail Henderson, Sarah Ann Hoit, Sarah Jane Cole, Deborah Ann Demerit, Lucretia Gowel, Elizabeth Ricker, Sally Hammet, Elizabeth Calf, Lydia Downs, Maria York.

Pages 264 and 270.

The corner stone of the old Wesleyan Chapel was removed July 25, 1867, and the copper plates with the other articles mentioned were found in a lead box about eight inches square and one and one half deep, with a cover not soldered on. The documents were in a moldering state, some of them dropping to pieces on the slightest touch. The Bible was much worm-eaten, though the Book of Discipline was in a better condition. The papers could none of them be replaced.

The corner stone of the new house was laid August 1, 1867. The ceremonies, after the regular church ritual, were as follows:—

“I. Announcement by the Pastor, Frank R. Stratton, of the several documents to be deposited, consisting of the two copper plates from the old Corner Stone; a new copper plate with the following inscription: ‘The Wesleyan Chapel which was erected by the Methodist E. Church A. D. 1825 was demolished for the purpose of erecting a more ample Structure A. D. 1867. The New Methodist Church was erected A. D. 1867, and this

CORNER STONE

was laid with imposing Masonic ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire assisted by Humane Lodge No. 21, and many visiting Lodges, August 1st A. L. 5867; the Bible; the Book of Discipline; a Hymn Book; list of Church officials, class leaders, members of society, and building committee; Centennial of American Methodism; Methodist Almanac; Minutes of New Hampshire Conference; Zion's Herald; Journal of Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; list of officers and members with the by-laws of Humane Lodge; Rochester Courier containing Memorial address by the Pastor; one copy of each paper published in the County; the circular of invitation and programme of exercises; town report for 1866-67; copy of Boston Journal; currency and coin in circulation from one dollar to one cent; bills of the Rochester Bank of the earliest and latest dates; spectacles worn by Col. John McDuffee, who died 1817, aged 94; Photograph of the Pastor finished in India ink by Abbie H. Dennett.

II. Deposit of the box by John McDuffee.

III. Lowering the stone with solemn music by the band.

IV. Ceremonies of Masonic ritual conducted by Grand Master John H. Rowell of Franklin, assisted by D. G. M. Alexander M. Winn of Farmington; Senior Grand Warden John R. Holbrook of Portsmouth; James Farrington of Rochester as Junior Grand Warden; and Betton W. Sargent of Rochester as Grand Architect.

V. Anthem: 'Wake the song of Jubilee.'

VI. Address by Governor Walter Harriman.

VII. Anthem: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'

VIII. Benediction by Rev. R. M. Sargent of Farmington as Grand Chaplain."

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"A tribute to the Memory of the Departed Heroes of Methodism, both Ministers and Laymen, of Rochester, N. H.: written by request for the Ladies' Re-union Festival held upon the Dedication of their new Church, March 26, 1868.

BY REV. SAMUEL NORRIS.

In this glad day of Zion's light,
With nursing queens and praying kings,
While we rejoice in prospects bright,
We think of days of feeble things.

Our fathers served the mighty God,
When few and scattered through the land,
When persecution like a flood
Assailed their cause on every hand.

Some called them "wolves in sheep's attire"
Invading other shepherds' folds;
Others, fanatics wild with fire
To stir up strife in God's households.

"These zealous heretics contend
That all the world is harvest field;
Yet we our parish lines defend,
With stubborn hearts refuse to yield."

But onward still they preached the cross,
In hamlet, field, or shady grove;
Counting the world but dung and dross,
To deck with stars their crown above.

A *Lewis Bates* of robust form,
Dark as a cloud in yonder sky,
With voice above the raging storm,
Cried, "Sinners, O why will ye die?"

A *Joseph Peck* of mother wit,
Social, but wanting holy fire,
Hence many a scornful foe was hit
By ready shafts of keen satire.

A *Bannister* of prime good stock,
Eccentric, watchful every day,
Always retired at nine o'clock,
And rose at four to sing and pray.

A *Damon Young* among the best
 Of all God's workmen in the field;
 'Twas hard to let him go to rest;
 His master called; we had to yield.

The scholar, *Ruter*, from his youth
 Was consecrated to the cross;
 He founded schools, proclaimed God's truth,
 And fell a martyr to the cause.

John Brodhead, prince of pioneers,
 In those old days of chivalry
 Led Zion's hosts for scores of years,
 And fell with shouts of victory.

Charles Baker, too, God's nobleman,
 Courteous and kind, a genial friend,
 Long worked the old itinerant plan,
 And gained the conquest in the end.

We must not pass a *Horton's* name,
 Able, precise, and dignified;
 He labored long, acquired some fame,
 Was much lamented when he died.

Another man of mark has gone, —
 His preaching like a rushing flood, —
 Far-famed as "*Reformation John*,"
 And many souls were brought to God.

A son of thunder, *Eben Blake*,
 For fifty toilsome years he stood,
 Warning all sinners to forsake
 At once their sins and turn to God.

Nor must we fail in this array
 To give a *Sanborn's* honored name;
 This gentleman, with some display,
 He lived to God, and died the same.

D. Kilburn, in his manhood's prime
 Mighty to preach, much on his knees;
 For full two hours he many a time
 Assailed John Calvin's dire decrees.

O. Scott, "a burning, shining light,"
 A prince in Zion's mighty host;
 His services for black and white,
 Ages to come will not be lost.

B. Eastman, too, long known and loved,
 Was strong for Scripture holiness;
 Endowed with wisdom from above
 He lived and died in perfect peace.

J. Perkins long traversed our hills;
 His zeal and pathos made him great,
 Our best appointments ably filled,
 Was honored much in church and state.

William D. Cass has closed his day;
 A man of God faithful and strong;
 His many friends will love to say
 That "few have done so well so long."

N. Bigelow and *J. B. White*
 Were trained to learning from their youth;
 Soldiers of Christ, to wield their might
 To spread the glorious gospel truth.

Tall brother *Lord*, *P. Munger* strong,
 Two foremost men in battle strife,
 Long lived to lead our hosts along,
 And fell in hopes of endless life.

H. Field, *F. Dame*, and *Worthing*, too,
 Belonged to this select vanguard;
L. Frost, *A. Clark*, and *Jaques*, who
 We trust have gained their great reward.

L. Wallace of the old school race,
 The preacher and the magistrate,
 Long lived to fill an honored place
 In doing good in church and state.

L. Bennett, and *H. Morey*, now
 Close up the list of pioneers
 Who held the mighty gospel plow
 Among our hills in former years.

But valiant laymen in this band,
 Quite as effective in their spheres;
 We can't forget the noble stand
 Which they maintained so many years.

John Trickey and his godly wife
 Did good to souls and bodies too,
 Maintained their faith by works through life,
 Excelled by none, equaled by few.

We note the *Wentworth* family,
Thomas and *Richard*, pioneers,
 They loved salvation full and free,
 And went to rest in ripened years.

How *J. C. Cole* would pray and sing!
 His wife and mother swell the strain!
 For them to live was Christ their king,
 For them to die was endless gain.

And last, not least, *Charles Dennett*, who,
 Sagacious, firm, in manners plain,
 A Christian patriot ever true; —
 'Tis hard to fill his place again.

All these have run their mortal race,
 Their master called them home to rest;
 O may their sons well fill their place,
 And wait their turn to join the blest!

All other friends of righteousness
 Whose honored names have not been given,
 Who lived for God, and died in peace, —
 We hope to meet them safe in heaven.

The memory of the past is sweet,
 The fathers' deeds of love; —
 While we enjoy their fruit so great,
 They wear their crowns above.

May we, their daughters and their sons,
 Prove worthy of our sires,
 And consummate what they begun,
 And set the world on fire.

O may this blessed truth abound
 Throughout this world forlorn!
 And Methodism be handed down
 To nations yet unborn!

Conclusion.

We leave the living grenadier,
 Both clergymen and laymen,
 To make report in person here,
 With an emphatic *Amen!*

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Humphrey Hanson, a younger brother of Dominicus, composed some humorous verses describing the various tricks of the dealers, and induced one of the well-known drinkers to recite them in public places about the village. A few of these verses were as follows: —

“I’ve a song for your noddles though not very good,
 For something is meant though not well understood,
 Concerning our merchants so artful are they,
 Though they’ve no rum to sell they’ll *give it away*.”

There’s C—n, and H—n, and M—h I mean,
 Three as clever good fellows as ever were seen,

But show them your money and tell them you'll pay,
Though they've no rum to sell, they'll *give it away*.

There's honest J— T— I liked to've forgot,
For he with the rest has a hand in the plot,
But for love of your health, for the sake of good pay,
Both water and rum he in fact *gives away*.

Now may God bless and prosper these dear, honest men,
Who in buying and selling will make all they can;
But this must be told them, 'tis well known that they
Are selling their rum while they *give it away*.

Now as to myself, I've not much to add;
I was drunk all last week, and now feel quite sad;
And as for my song, I'll ask for no pay,
But for just half a glass will *give it away*."

The following sketch written by Charles S. Felker (p. 459) being received too late for Chapter XIV, is inserted here:—

SAMUEL DEMERITT.

SAMUEL DEMERITT, a well-known blacksmith of Rochester and a highly respected citizen, was born in Madbury in 1789, and at the age of twenty-two married Miss Alice Locke of Barrington. They had ten children:—Nancy F. and Lucy C. dying in infancy; while Sophia L., Emeline L., Samuel, Jr., and Alice L. also passed beyond in early life; Elizabeth J. married Samuel S. Sherman of Salem, N. Y., where she lived until his death, when she removed to Dover, N. H.; Maria B. married Nathan W. Wilson, also a citizen of Salem. These two sisters died at Gonic within eleven days of each other, while on a visit to the old homestead in 1880. Mary J. lived in Dover, N. H., until her death in 1875. She was twice married; the first husband being Oliver P. Burley, and the second John S. Glass. Deborah A., now Mrs. William H. Felker, is the only survivor. She was for a number of years a successful school teacher in Dover, but since marriage has resided at the former home of her parents.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Demeritt came of good stock; the former being a relative of Maj. John Demeritt who assisted General Sullivan in the capture of fort William and Mary at Portsmouth; and afterwards took the powder which was first concealed under

the Durham meeting-house, but later removed by him to his farm in Madbury for safer keeping, and hauled it in his ox-cart to the colonial army at Boston, arriving on the day of the battle of Bunker Hill; while the latter was a lineal descendant of John Locke, the renowned English philosopher.

Mr. Demeritt came to the town in 1815, and established his business on Main street, just below the Knight house. He was a master in his trade and besides running two forges, often worked when the town was otherwise hushed in sleep. His great skill in working steel extended to other towns, and brought him a large amount of that kind of work. In public affairs he early manifested a deep interest, and became associated with that class of citizens who were known as the solid men of the town, because of their quiet unassuming ways and strong determination to act from conviction.

When he removed to Gonic in 1827, the place was in a very crude condition. There was no church, no business of any consequence except farming, and no more society than the country districts of the present afford. Here he resumed his trade in the brick shop which to-day forms part of a dwelling-house on Main street, and found abundance of work awaiting him. Soon after settling in his new home, he began to deal in real estate in connection with his trade, and owned a large farm on the western side of the village. On this farm is located the mineral spring which was a favorite drinking place of the Indians, while the large rock close by served as their lookout. Tradition says that a party of braves were once surprised here while drinking, and the one stationed on the lookout killed, his body being buried at the foot of the rock. Many now follow the example of the red men and resort to this spring in the hot days of summer, while some have been benefited by its medicinal properties.

He freely gave his time and energy for the improvement of the village, serving as a member of the committee that erected the first church in 1840, which was dedicated in the Freewill Baptist faith, and to this church he and his good wife assumed allegiance. They were liberal in its support, and entertained a large number of those who visited the parish. In fact so many ministers stopped with them that their house soon became the favorite resort of the clergymen.

Mrs. Demeritt possessed a strong and sympathetic nature, while her kind and generous spirit often cheered the unfortunate on their way. Such a woman could not be other than a frequent visitor to the sick chamber, where she was greatly valued. She was one of those women who took great delight in ancient things, and among the many family relics cherished by her descendants is a silk dress which is of historical interest. This dress was imported from China about two hundred years ago, and is a pure yellow (the Chinese favorite color). It is compactly woven and twice as thick as modern silks. The style is ancient, with short waist, long sleeves, and wide collar, and any one wearing it would probably have no trouble in attracting attention. Although made nearly two centuries ago it is well preserved, especially the color, which has never been changed from the original. This ancient fabric is now in the possession of Mrs. William H. Felker, who very appropriately wore it, in the centennial year, at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Downing Varney, where she impersonated Lady Washington.

"Uncle Demeritt," as he was called in the later years of his life, served in the war of 1812, going to the defence of Portsmouth. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but a life-long opponent of slavery, and it is related that a fugitive from Kentucky bondage once rejoiced to find food and shelter at his home. He was very conscientious in judgment, and was often called upon to act as referee. The following incident will illustrate the great respect entertained for his integrity. A citizen of Barrington once presented a bill against him to Hon. J. H. Woodman for suit. 'Squire Woodman refused with the laconic reply:—"He is an honest man." The suit was afterwards entered, however, but during the whole session of court the man failed to appear, and the judge discharged the defendant in a complimentary manner.

Samuel Demeritt died June 30, 1856, aged 66 years, and the death of Mrs. Demeritt occurred April 19, 1866, at the age of 79.

The following lines written by J. S. Cutler (p. 288) were printed in the "Rochester Leader" of June 20, 1888.

Where wild Cocheco dashes free,
Through countless windings on its way
To give its waters to the sea,
And birds make glad the summer day, —

Through shady woods, on plodding nag,
Rode Parson Main, — long years ago, —
The Bible in his saddle-bag,
And loaded gun for dusky foe.

A man of peace, he still believed
'Twas well to fight at duty's call;
Allowing much could be achieved
By pushing prayer with musket ball.

His was a rigid iron creed,
But well he knew the right from wrong;
And hard he toiled with word and deed
To help the cause of right along.

With earnest face and stirring blood,
In time of drouth he prayed for rain;
And when the heavens threatened flood,
He prayed to make it dry again.

He stirred the brothers' lagging zeal,
Backsliders knew his constant care;
Denunciation sharp as steel,
He gave the scoffer for his share.

And thus he toiled the seasons through,
'Mid summer's heat and winter's frost;
Encouraging believers true,
And warning those he counted lost.

Wherever sorrow raised its cry,
His heart responded to the call;
A healing fountain never dry,
His kindness flowed alike to all.

And hard he strove in devious ways,
Old Satan's crafty powers to foil;
And this we know, — through all his days
The world was better for his toil.

Far from the truth these years have brought
He stood, — the subject of these rhymes;
But in the days in which he wrought,
His was the spirit for the times.

Though rough and rugged were his ways,
Such lives the firm foundation laid,

On which to-day the world may raise
The fairest structure Faith has made.

And if his creed was iron-bound,
And somewhat destitute of light,
In that great realm his soul has found,
Long since God's love has set him right.

And so he lived and toiled and died,
But where he resteth none can tell; *
Good deeds he scattered far and wide,
But no man knoweth where he fell.

Somewhere amid New Hampshire's hills,
Where bright Cocheco's laughing wave
The vale with murmuring music fills,
The grass grows green upon his grave.

Somewhere amid the opening flowers
On lowly vale, or hill's green crest,
To-day through springtime's sunny hours,
The birds are singing o'er his rest.

So let him lie — it matters not —
The spot in which his ashes rest;
Such lives can never be forgot,
And — well — God knoweth what is best.

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OLD CEMETERY CONSERVATION FUND

PERPETUA.

WHEREAS, the burial grounds known as the Old Cemetery, with such grounds as have been added thereunto, and as now (January 18, 1890), enclosed by the fence surrounding the same, and known as the Old Cemetery, situate easterly of the common in Rochester (Village), in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, and bounded by land of the late Albert H. Wentworth, the Rochester Cemetery Association, Mary S. Sanborn and others, are, to a large extent in a neglected condition, and it is necessary that a permanent fund be established for the future care and preservation of said cemetery, forever;

Therefore, agreeable to amended Section seven (7), of Chapter forty-nine (49), of the General Laws of the State of New Hampshire, in relation to public cemeteries and parks, approved August seventh (7th), A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889),

RESOLVED, that the citizens of the town of Rochester, in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, in town meeting assembled, do, by vote, hereby agree that said town of Rochester, in said county and said state, and the citizens of such succeeding governments as may succeed the present town government, do accept as a sacred trust from

NOAH TEBBETTS AND OTHERS,

* This is evidently a mistake, arising, doubtless, from the facts in regard to Mr. Hill (pp. 86, 89).

for the perpetual proper care, improvement and preservation of the said Old Cemetery, Monied Contributions, aggregating

FOUR THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$4,366), the same to constitute a fund to be known as the Old Cemetery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, and to hold the same in trust forever; and to well and safely invest and be accountable for, and do hereby agree to absolutely make good all losses of the same and of the income therefrom, forever, and do hereby agree to receive any and all contributions to said fund, as herein provided, from whomsoever tendered, and incorporate them into the same, and do hereby agree to become accountable for and to absolutely make good all losses of the same and of the income therefrom, forever; and that said fund shall never be disturbed or used — and that — the income only can and shall be used as herein provided.

FIRST: That one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of each fifty dollars and upward designated contribution to said Old Cemetery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, shall have the annual income accruing from said one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) devoted by said authorities (agreeable to the wishes of surviving relatives, as far as is justifiable and consistent with the amount of money to be expended) to such lot or grave as said contributor or contributors agree upon and designate, forever, in the following manner: That three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of this said income, or so much only of the three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) as may be necessary, shall be devoted annually when necessary, for all necessary and proper care, preservation and beautifying of said lot or grave, and everything thereon, or that may hereafter be placed or erected on the same forever, and for all reasonable compensation to said authorities for services employed in carrying out the same forever — and — that the remainder (if any) of this said three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) and the remaining one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) shall be set aside and to be well and safely invested by, and accounted for by said authorities, the same to constitute an Emergency Fund, the income therefrom to be added to the same annually, and do hereby agree to absolutely make good all losses of the same, and that said Emergency Fund, or so much of it as may be required, shall be used, when needed, for all necessary and proper restoration and reproduction of all existing stones, tablets, monuments, inscriptions, stone edging and fence on, or that may hereafter be placed or erected on said designated lot or grave, and for said purpose only, and — that —

SECOND: The remaining one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of this said class of fifty dollar and upward designated contributions — and — all general contributions to said Old Cemetery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, shall constitute a general part of said Old Cemetery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, the annual income therefrom to be devoted by said authorities, annually, when necessary, for all necessary and proper care, restoration, improvement and preservation of the entire Old Cemetery at large, aforesaid, in common, and all existing and future lots and graves therein (*including all lots and graves that have no one to care for them, regardless of contribution to this fund*) forever, and for everything on, or erected on, or that may hereafter be placed or erected on the same (agreeable to the wishes of surviving relatives as far as justifiable and consistent with the amount of money to be expended), and for all reasonable compensation to said authorities for services employed in carrying out the same forever — and —

FOURTH: That all of the existing and future lots and graves and all thereon, gate or gates, and fence or wall surrounding said cemetery grounds to have precedence in this expenditure over the grounds at large, building or buildings. Said Old Cemetery to always remain for the purpose now used, only, distinct and separate from any other cemetery or burial ground forever. That the approach to said cemetery from the highway shall be kept in a passable condition for foot or team by said authorities independent of this fund. And that said fund shall be exempt from any and all taxation forever, and that said author-

ities do hereby agree to preserve, care for and perpetuate said Old Cemetery forever, and to faithfully carry out all the measures, provisions and conditions of this instrument forever, without compensation, and cause the same to be placed upon said town and said county records in full, and to be responsible for all money received, invested and disbursed, and to absolutely make good all losses whatever of the same forever, and to acknowledge in one or more of the regular, reliable, established local newspapers of said Rochester, the receipt of any and all contributions to said fund at time of receiving the same, stating contributor, object, and amount, and to present their annual account and statement of the said fund in their report to the public, annually, forever.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE ABOVE FUND.

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| Noah Tebbetts, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the Noah Tebbetts lot . . . | \$250 |
| Dominicus Hanson, on the Joseph and Dominicus Hanson lot . . . | 700 |
| John McDuffee, on the Farrington and McDuffee lot . . . | 600 |
| Harriet C. Manson, Montclair, N. J., on the William Chase lot . . . | 100 |
| Mary T. Seccomb, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the Moses Hale lot . . . | 500 |
| Charles B. Tebbetts, Lynn, Mass., on the Noah Tebbetts lot . . . | 350 |
| Do. Do. on the Jeremiah H. Woodman lot . . . | 400 |
| George E. Barnard, Lynn, Mass., on the Richardson and Barnard lots . | 250 |
| Francis W. Upham, New York, \$50; Mrs. Mary U. Coe, Bangor, Me., \$50; Joseph B. Upham, Portsmouth, \$50; Charles U. Bell, Lawrence, Mass., \$10; Eliza U. Bell, Exeter, \$5; all on the Nathaniel Upham lot . . . | 165 |
| Mary Ann Whitehouse, on the Enoch Whitehouse lot . . . | 500 |
| David Hayes, on the David Hayes lot . . . | 200 |
| Abbie H. Dennett, on the Charles Dennett lot . . . | 100 |
| Clara A. Warren, on the Joseph Warren and George Robinson lot . | 50 |
| Charles A. C. Hanson, general contribution . . . | 101 |
| Ephraim Hammett, on the Ephraim Hammett lot . . . | 100 |
| Total | <hr/> \$4,366 |

SUBSCRIPTIONS SINCE ADDED TO THE CEMETERY FUND.

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| Misses Annie and Caroline Barker, on the Barker, March, and Chapman lots . . . | \$200 |
| Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Rogers, on the Woodman lot . . . | 100 |
| J. H. Wardwell, \$50; Mrs. Pratt, \$25; on the Knight lot . . . | 75 |
| Mrs. M. F. Robinson, on the Warren and Robinson lot . . . | 50 |
| Total | <hr/> \$4,791 |

TABLE OF LONGEVITY.

Parson Haven said: "This town has always been remarkable for old people."

The following list of deaths of persons eighty years old and upwards, from 1783 to 1867, was collected by the author. Ages not exact, — supposed to be the nearest full year.

| Date of death. | Name. | Age. | Date of death. | Name. | Age. |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|--------------------------|------|
| 1783. | Mrs. Timothy Roberts, first civilized woman in town | 80 | 1806. | Thomas Drew . . . | 95 |
| 1784. | Widow McDuffee . . . | 91 | 1807. | Widow Bickford . . . | 90 |
| 1791. | Widow Perkins . . . | 93 | 1809. | Jonathan Hodgdon . . . | 90 |
| 1793. | Widow Twombly . . . | 90 | 1811. | Samuel Wingate . . . | 90 |
| 1795. | Samuel Drown . . . | 19 | 1815. | Widow Rebecca Trickey | 93 |
| 1798. | Widow Harford . . . | 91 | 1815. | Hon. John Plumer . . . | 96 |
| 1798. | Ebenezer Jones . . . | 90 | 1816. | Lucy Place . . . | 95 |
| 1799. | Widow Richards . . . | 99 | 1817. | Col. John McDuffee . . . | 94 |
| | | | 1819. | Widow Heard . . . | 92 |

| Date of death. | Name. | Age. |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Jan. 31, 1823. | Ephraim Perkins | 80 |
| June 23. | Lt. Joshua Holmes, a soldier of the Revolution | 86 |
| July 18. | Samuel Stackpole | 83 |
| Sept. | Widow Meader | 91 |
| Oct. 18. | Widow of Ephraim Perkins | 90 |
| Oct. 31. | Widow of Timothy Roberts | 79 |
| Nov. 7. | Joseph Tebbets | 82 |
| Nov. 21. | Josiah Main | 89 |
| Jan. 2, 1824. | Isaac Twombly | 85 |
| May 15. | Joseph Dame | 84 |
| Dec. 9. | Widow of Deacon Trickey | 81 |
| Jan. 27, 1825. | Rev. Joseph Haven | 77 |
| Feb. 22. | Benjamin Hurd | 80 |
| April 23. | Widow Sarah Perkins | 85 |
| May 11. | Morris Ellis | 88 |
| | 1826. Ephraim Ham, the third white person born in Rochester | 90 |
| Aug. | James Calef | 85 |
| Feb., | 1827. Lydia, wife of Capt. Alexander Hodgdon | 87 |
| April. | Benjamin Meder | 90 |
| Sept. | Abigail Holmes | 89 |
| Aug. | 1828. Stephen Ham | 93 |
| Nov. | Widow Mary Hayes | 91 |
| Dec. 25, 1829. | David Tebbits, died in Berwick | 96 |
| | 1829. Widow Mary Downing | 90 |
| March. | 1830. James Pickering | 84 |
| April. | Benjamin Roberts, sailed with Paul Jones, a soldier of the Revolution | 76 |
| Jan., | 1832. Jotham Nutter | 84 |
| Jan. 14. | Elijah Tebbets | 92 |
| May. | Alexander Hodgdon | 92 |
| Dec. | Caleb Jackson | 84 |
| Feb., | 1835. Benjamin Rollins | 83 |
| May 6, 1836. | John Randall | 90 |
| July. | Phebe Wentworth | 89 |

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| July. | | Lucy, widow of Dr. James Howe, died in Boston . | 82 |
| Feb. | 21, 1837. | Charity Drown | 84 |
| Aug. | | Mrs. Mary Twombly | 88 |
| Oct. | 13. | Abigail Jenness | 90 |
| Oct. | 1838. | Eliphalet Cloutman | 85 |
| Sept., | 1840. | Betsey Henderson | 85 |
| Jan., | 1842. | Elizabeth Twombly | 88 |
| Oct. | 18. | Mrs. Hannah Knight | 86 |
| Dec. | 31, 1843. | Widow Sarah Hoyt | 95 |
| Nov. | 4, 1844. | Hon. David Barker | 80 |
| Dec. | 10, 1845. | Rose Murray | 86 |
| Jan. | 25, 1846. | Mrs. Sarah Horne | 94 |
| Dec. | 1846. | Samuel Allen | 85 |
| Aug. | 1848. | John Gray | 83 |
| June | 1, 1849. | Mary Wingate | 96 |
| July | 12. | Hatevil Knight | 84 |
| Sept. | 14. | Phebe Libbey | 81 |
| April | 8, 1850. | Nathaniel Ham | 81 |
| April | 22. | Mrs. Lydia Hayes | 90 |
| Jan. | 13, 1851. | James Chesley | 101 |
| July | 21. | William Jenness | 82 |
| June | 16, 1852. | Ebenczer Tebbets | 82 |
| Aug. | 15. | Widow Rebecca Seavey | 83 |
| Nov. | 15. | Mrs. Lamson Varney | 91 |
| Jan. | 9, 1853. | Widow Sally Knowles | 88 |
| Jan. | 14. | Samuel Chamberlain | 80 |
| April | 8. | Abigail Wallingford | 81 |
| Nov. | 13. | Stephen Ham | 81 |
| | " | James Garland | 80 |
| | " | Susanna Hanson | 85 |
| Feb. | 1854. | Meribeh, wife of Amos Main | 80 |
| Nov. | 7. | James Tebbets | 82 |
| May | 15, 1855. | Mrs. Hannah Nutter | 84 |
| | 1856. | Hannah, widow of Richard Dame | 92 |
| Oct. | 6. | Mrs. Sarah Sargent | 100 |
| Nov. | 7. | Deborah Canney | 93 |
| Dec. | 19. | Mrs. Abigail Foss | 82 |
| April | 8, 1857. | Mehitable, widow of James McDuffee | 94 |
| July | 13. | Mrs. Abigail T. Murray | 84 |
| April | 1858. | Stephen Place | 88 |
| Dec. | | Mary Garland | 96 |
| Jan. | 21, 1859. | Widow of Amos Main, died in Lowell, Mass. | 89 |
| Jan. | 27. | James Robinson | 89 |
| Jan. | 1860. | Mrs. Phebe Jenness | 96 |
| March | 20. | John Nutter | 91 |
| June | 14. | Widow Jane Pearl | 84 |
| Mar. | 31, 1861. | Dolly Dore | 81 |
| Nov. | 8. | Elizabeth, widow of Stephen Place | 84 |
| Jan. | 9, 1862. | Abigail, widow of John Hayes | 83 |
| April | 5. | Sally Hayes | 83 |
| Oct. | 8, 1863. | Lydia Ham | 83 |
| Oct. | 23. | John Nutter | 81 |
| Dec. | 1866. | Mrs. Tebbets | 101 |
| Aug. | 1867. | John Murray | 82 |

John S. Parsons furnished the following record of "unusual mortality" in the M. E. Society in 1884-86.

| Date of death. | Name. | Age. |
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| May 11. 1884. | W. Knight Kimball | 74 |
| " 27. " | Sarah Varney | 82 |
| June 12. " | Abigail Waldron | 83 |
| July 6. " | Mrs. George Page | 72 |
| " 10. " | Mrs. Wylie Knight | 37 |
| Aug. 8. " | Mrs. Susannah Dame | 83 |
| " 28. " | Mrs. Israel Tuttle | 61 |
| Dec. 12. " | Sarah C. Brock | 74 |
| Feb. 23. 1885. | Lydia Walker | 65 |
| March 1. " | Mrs. Mary Duncan | 74 |
| " 2. " | Eliza McIntire | 72 |
| " 15. " | Mrs. Otis Scruton | 78 |
| April 16. " | Mrs. Hannah Pray | 78 |
| " 17. " | Mrs. Cynthia Lindsey | 92 |
| " 22. " | Mrs. Sarah Hussey | 73 |
| May 23. " | Mrs. C. W. Bradley | 59 |
| Oct. 13. " | Jeremiah D. Richardson | 76 |
| Feb. 13. 1886. | John B. Clayton | 81 |
| March 20. " | Jesse Horne | 88 |
| April 8. " | Mrs. Betsey S. C. Hanson | 71 |

The following copy of Baptisms and Marriages from the "Rochester Church Book of Records" from 1737 to 1824 is valuable to all interested in Genealogy.

BAPTISMS.

Aug. 28. 1737 Simon Bussell Baptized upon his Parents acct —
 Sep. 11. Baptized Benj^a Babb of Barrington —
 Oct. 2 Rich^d Babb of Barrington Entred Into Cov^t & was Himself Baptized, & also his Chid John Babb—at y^e same time Baptized Solomon Clarke
 Oct. 23. Baptized Benja. Cops.
 Nov^r. Baptized Samuel Richards & his wife Sarah & their Children Name-ly Deborah, Samuel, Sarah, Salome also Baptized James Berry. Baptized Mary Drew
 January. Baptized Mary Dearing
 Feb. 8. Baptized Susanna Locke
 March 26. 1737/8 Baptized Lydia Main My Daughter —
 April. 2. 1738 Baptized Joseph Herd & Sarah Bickford
 June 31.* Baptized Sarah & Elizabeth Johnson at Barrington.
 June 4. Baptized 3 Children at York old Parish
 June. 11. Baptized Daniel MacFee
 June 18. Baptized Joseph Macⁱntire At York New Parish y^e Father of y^e Child Jn^o MacIntire Then Renewed his Cov^t with y^t Chh
 June. 25. William & Mark Jennes Entred Into Cov^t with this Chh & were both Baptized & at y^e same time Elizabeth Knight of Barrington also took upon Her y^e Baptismal Cov^t & was Baptized —
 June 28. Baptized at Barrington Abraham & Richard & John Knight & Roger Swain all Children —
 July. 2. Baptized Daniel Wentworth
 July. 16. Baptized William Hannah, & Jemima Jennes y^e Children of W^m Jennes —

* So written; doubtless June 1.

July. 26. Baptized John & Susanna Layton at Barrington — Baptized Triphena Stiles.

Feb. 12. Baptized David Cops

March. 25. Baptized Edward Tebbets upon his Enttring Into Cov^t & also his child Jonathan, at y^e same time Baptized Mary Plaice

April 1. 1739 Baptized Daniel Forst.

April. 8. Baptized Robert Knight of above 70 years old

April 15. Baptized George Hayes

May. 6. Benj^a & Sam^l Merry Jun^r Entred Into Cov^t & were Baptized. At y^e Same time Abigail y^e Wife of Sam^l Merry Jun^r Renewed her Baptismal Cov^t — & I then Baptized y^e children of Sam^l Merrey Jun^r viz. Joseph & Mary Merrey; Also then — Baptized Hannah Wentworth & Hannah Locke. —

May. 13. Baptized Elisabeth Hammock w^o then Entred Into Cov^t — Also Baptized at y^e same time Olive Richards —

May. 20. Baptized Ebenezer Grow at Newington

May. 27. Baptized Mary & Sarah Babb at Barrington

June. 13. Baptized Daniel Jennes at his Fathers House

June. 14. Baptized Susanna Kenny at her own House Being Sick She took y^e Baptismal Cov^t upon Her

June. 17. Baptized William Ham & Sarah Tompson. Daughter of Noah Tompson

July 22. Baptized Bethena Allard.

Aug. 12. Baptized John Jennes & Izett Bussel

Sep. 9. Baptized Moses Downs.

Sep. 16. Baptized Joseph & Mary Dam, twins —

April 1. 1740. Baptized Lydia Kenny Being Sick At her Fathers House who dyed Soon after.

April. 20. Baptized Jonathan Richards

May. 11. Baptized Timothy Roberts & Esther Cops

June. 6. Baptized Nathan Horn At his Fathers House Being Sick

June. 8. Baptized Rebecca Bickford.

June. 15. Baptized Kezia Knight.

June. 22. Baptized Hannah Main my Daughter.

June. 29. Baptized Jonathan Young & his Wife Anna who then Entred Into Cov^t Also Baptized their Children viz. Hannah, & Jean Young. Also At y^e Same time Baptized y^e widow Elizabeth Drown Being near to 70 year of age & her Son Samuel Drown w^o both Entred Into Cov^t & then Baptized his son Solomon.

Aug. 3. Baptized Anna Forst

Aug. 24. Baptized John Jennes

April. 5. 1741. Baptized Charity Tebbets.

April. 12. Baptized Elizabeth Hayes.

May. 3. Baptized Abigail Wentworth.

May. 24. Baptized Agnes MacNeal Her mother Jean Meneal then Entred Into Cov^t.

May. 31. Samuel Whitehouse Entred Into Cov^t & was Baptized & his Son Stephen.

June. 14. Daniel MacNeal Entred Into Cov^t.

June. 18. Baptized Dorothy Babb of Barrington.

June 21. Eleonour Berry Renewed her Baptismal Cov^t & then Baptized John Berry, Henry Allard, & Elizabeth Bussell

July. 1. Baptized Richard Howard at Barrington.

July. 12. Baptized Hannah Herd

July. 26. Mary The wife of Ithamar Sevey Renewed her Baptism^l Cov^t

Aug. 16. Baptized Benjamin Herd & Hannah Jennes.

Aug. 23. Baptized Shem Drown & Abigail Sevey.

Septem^r. 6. Hannah y^e Wife of James Plaiice Renewed her Baptismal Cov^t Then Baptized her child Hannah —

Sept. 13. Abigail wife of Benja^a Tebbetts Entred Into Cov^t & was then Baptized. Baptized also her Children Benjamin Daniel Ebenezer & Abigail Tebbetts. also at y^t time Baptized David Plaiice.

Sept^r. 27. Baptized Sarah Jennes & Hannah Hodgdon.

Oct. 4. Baptized Icabod Blagden —

Dec. 13. Baptized Elizabeth Downs & Sarah Richards.

Dec. 20. James Gray Stephen Berry & Abigail Tebbetts Renewed their Baptismal Covenant. Also Thomas Hammock & Solomon Tebbetts Entred Info Cov^t & were Baptized

Dec. 27. John Hammock Jun^r & Elizabeth Pearl Entred Into Cov^t & were Baptized

Jan^y 3. Martha Kenny Entred Into Cov^t & was Baptized.

Jan^y. 10. William Ellis John Richards Sarah Layton & Lydia Layton All Entred Into Cov^t & were Baptized — at y^e Same time Mary y^e Wife of William Ellis Renewed her Baptism^t Cov^t

Feb. 7. Abigail Plaiice & Abigail Walker Renewed y^r Baptis^t Cov^t.

Feb. 14. Baptized Ephraim Chamberlain.

Feb. 28. Baptized Lazarus Rawlins at Newington.

March. 14. Baptized Hannah Forst of Barrington.

March. 16. Baptized Susanna Locke at y^e Neck Lecture

April. 18. 1742. Baptized Samuel Cops & Elizabeth Forst.

May. 16. Baptized Jonathan, John, William, & Abigail Ellis. & Richard Plaiice —

June. 6. Baptized Sarah Cater at Spruce Creek

June. 13. Baptized Joshua Knight.

June 20. Baptized Lois Hodgdon —

July. 4. Baptized Temperance Bickford & Sarah Richards —

July. Baptized Sarah Roberts & Elizabeth Dearing.

July. Baptized Daniel Berry Son of Joseph Berry.

Aug. 8. Baptized Samuel Drew. Baptized James Shute of Barrington

Aug. 15. Solomon Drown Entred Into Covenant & was Baptized also Baptized his Child Jonathan.

Aug. 29. Benjamin Tebbetts Entred Into Cov^t & was Baptized & then Baptized two of his Children viz William & James —

Dec^r 13. Baptized Paul Tebbetts upon his Sick & Death Bed

Dec. 26. Nathaniel Son of Paul Tebbetts Entred Into Cov^t & was Baptized — Also Baptized Henry, Paul, Israel, Josiah, & Joyce Tebbetts Children of y^e Widow Sarah Tebbetts

Jan^y. Baptized Drown of Samuel Drown —

Feb. Baptized Jonathan White House

March 6. Baptized Gershom Downs Ebenezer Drown and Hannah Hayes

1743. Baptized Mary Horn Baptized Mary Cate at her Fathers House at Barrington — Baptized Anne Coleman Baptized — Edgerly Baptized a child for Humphrey ChatBurne at Berwick Mr. Wise Baptized Isaac Millers child. Name Jean

Sept. 15. Baptized Daniel Berry at his Fathers House. He dyed

Sept^r 18. Baptized Rebecca Herd. Baptized John Forst. Baptized Rebecca Richards

Dec. 4. Baptized Jean MacNeal.

Dec^r 11. Baptized Ann Berry Daughter of Joseph Berry —

Feb^y. 5. 1743/4 Baptized my Daughter Abigail Main w^o was Born Jan^y 27. 1743/4 About 9 at Night —

March 25. 1744 Baptized Moses Jennes

April 29. Baptized Moses Cops & W^m Trickey. —

July. 29. Baptized Sarah Blagdon —

Sept. Baptized David Richards Son of Sam^l Richards.

- Nov^r 4. Baptized Sarah & Jean Dam Children of Elnathan Dam —
 Jan^r. 13 1744/5 Baptized Paul Horn.
 Jan^r 21. Baptized Sampson Babb at Barrington.
 Jan^r 27. Baptized John Bickford
 Feb^r. 3. Baptized William Berry & Mary Hodgdon —
 Feb^r. 24. Baptized Thomas Coleman & Betty Knight
 March. 3. Baptized Gershom Wentworth —
 March 24. Baptized Rebecca White House.
 April 7. 1745. Baptized Benj^a Forst —
 April 28. Baptized Mary Roberts —
 May 5. Baptized Pegge Door —
 June Baptized Abigail Tebbetts —
 June 19. Baptized Mary Shute at Barrington.
 June 30. Baptized Thomas Wentworth Son of Rich^d Wentworth
 July 28. Baptized Jane Richards —
 Oct 27. Baptized Ephraim Forst of Barrington —
 Dec. 12. Baptized W^m Babb & Jean Sevey
 Feb. 12. 1745/6 Baptized Esther Howard at Barrington Lect
 March 3. Phillip Door Jun^r & his wife Lydia Entred into Cov^t & his Wife
 was Baptized & their children Rich^d Elizabeth Mary Olive Lydia & Phillip
 Door
 March 23. Joseph Cook Entred into Cov^t & was Baptized & his child
 Abigail. Also Abr^{am} Plauce Entred into Cov^t & his Child Ebenezer was Bap-
 tized Also Baptized James Downs —
 May 25. 1746. Baptized Aron Jennes Mary McNeal & Mary Cops —
 May 28- Baptized mary Jennes & Jenny Herd
 June 8. Baptized Nath^l Raynes at York old Parish.
 June 15. Baptized Betty Main at York old Parish.
 June 25. Baptized Joseph Cate & Elizabeth Hayes at Barrington
 July. 4. My Daughter Mercy Main was Born three quarters of an Hour
 After Six of the Clock in y^e morning, & She was Baptized on July 6th 1746 —
 Nov^r 9. Baptized Molly Door —
 Nov^r 23 Baptized Abigail Young
 Nov^r 30. Baptized Thomas Davis & Abigail Odihorn at Durham
 March 15-1746/7 Baptized Joseph Bickford —
 March 22. Baptized David Allard —
 March 28. Baptized Jean MacCrelis —
 July 5. 1747 Baptized Sarah Forst —
 Aug. 9 Baptized Ebenezer Horn
 Aug. 16. Baptized Edward Lock
 Sep^r 23 Baptized John Herd
 Sep^r 27. Baptized John Berry son of Stephen Berry Jun^r
 Nov^r 22 Baptized Ebenezer Tebbetts & Josiah Wentworth
 Dec. 20. Then Recieved Jn^o Beck Into Cov^t with y^e lower or Second Chh
 in Portsm^o & Baptized his child Elizabeth Beck Also at y^e Same Time Bap-
 tized Hannah Eliot & John Forst
 Feb. 14. 1747/8. Then Recieved Perkins Ayer Into Cov^t with y^e South Chh
 In Portsm^o & Baptized his Child & Seven Children more at y^e Same Time
 Feb. 21. Baptized two children at y^e first chh In Portsm^o
 Feb. 28. Baptized two children at y^e South chh in Portsm^o
 March 20. Baptized Benj^a Merrey Son of Benj^a Merrey at Rochester
 April. 17. 1748. Reuben Herd Renewed his Baptismal Cov^t. Baptized his
 Son Shadrach Herd — Baptized at y^e Same Time Lydia Blagdon —
 April 24. Baptized Samuel Herd Whitehouse
 July. 17. Baptized Mary Bickford Daughter of Rich^d Bickford.
 Sep^r Baptized Anna Cops —
 Nov^r 6. Recieved Charles Roger & Mary his Wife into Cov^t & Baptized
 yr Son John Roger —

Jan^y. 9 1748/9 Baptized Samuel Sevey, when Dangerously [sick] at his Father Ithamar Seveys House —

March. Baptized Mercy Cook.

April. 23. 1749 Baptized W^m Horn & W^m Horseman at Dover —

May. 28. Baptized Elizabeth Babb —

June 4. Baptized Jonathan Bickford & Job Allard.

June 11. Baptized Susanna Forst w^o was born y^e Same Day —

July. 16 Baptized Samuel Winget.

July 23. Baptized Lydia Marden Daughter of Jn^o Marden.

July 30. Abner Dam & his Wife Renewed yr Cov^t Baptized yr Child Jonathan Dam at y^e Same time — Also Baptized Robert McCrellis —

Aug. 20. Baptized James Door Son of Phillip Door Henry Door Son of Henry Door & Mary Trickey.

Sep^r 3. Baptized Sarah Horn Eleonor wife of W^m Chamberlain Jun^a was Baptized at y^e Same time as also their child William — y^e Lord Increase ys Little flock still more abundantly —

Sep. 17. Noah Cross Renewed his Baptismal Cov^t with this Church

Octob^r 29. Baptized Joshua Edgerly & Stephen Wentworth

Dec^r 31. Baptized Phebe Horn of Summersworth —

June. 3. 1750 Baptized Benj^a Son of Benj^a Berry Betty Ham Daughter of Jon^a Ham & Jean Rogers

June. 10. Baptized Betty Whitehouse —

June Baptized John Merry Son of Benj^a Merry.

July. Baptized Triphena Berry Daughter of Stepⁿ Berry Jun^r

July 1. Peter Cook Jun^r & Abraham Entred Into Cov^t with this Chh & were Baptized Also at the Same Time Baptized Jon^a Downing Cook Son of Peter afore^d & Phebe Cook Daughter of Abra^m Cook Afores^d Baptized Also Job Forst Son of Joshua Forst of Barrington —

Aug. 5. Joseph Walker Jun^r Renewed his Baptismal Cov^t with ys Chh Baptized his Child John Walker

Aug. 12. Dan^l Winget & his wife Mary Renewed their Baptismal Cov^t with ys Chh Baptized their Son William

Sep^r 2. 1750 Baptized Olive Garland & Hannah McNeal

Sep. 9. Baptized Hannah Jennes Abigail & Sarah Roger —

Octob^r. 7. Baptized Phena Jennes Daughter of Mar^h (?) Jennes

Octo^r 28. Jn^o Plummer & his wife Renewed their Baptismal Cov^t Baptized yr Child Elizabeth Also Baptized Patience Bickford at y^e Same time.

Dec^r 9. Baptized Lydia Forst Daughter of Benj^a Forst

Dec^r 19. Baptized Hannah & Benj^a Drew at their Fathers House when Sick —

Jan^y 20. Baptized Elizabeth Roger

Jan^y 27. Baptized Esther Whitehouse Daughter of W^m Whitehouse —

Feb^y 10. 1750/51. Baptized Jethro Horn Son of William Horn

Feb^y. 25. Baptized Mary Lock at Her Fathers House when Sick.

April. 7-1751. Baptized Jon^a Young Son of Tho^s Young —

April 14. Sarah y^e wife of Joseph Pearl Renewed Her Baptismal Cov^t with this Chh At the Same Time Baptized their child Icabod Pearl —

April 28. Abigail Richards Entred into Cov^t & was Baptized. At y^e Same time Baptized Mesheck Herd son of Reuben Herd —

May. 4. Job Clements Renewed his Baptismal Cov^t.

May. 19. Baptized Deborah Tebbetts —

May 26. Baptized & Recieved Into full Comunion with ys Chh Elisabeth y^e Wife of Barnaby Palmer — also Baptized Joseph Coleman & Moses Dam —

June. 16. Icabod Corson & his Wife Abigail Jn^o Plaiice & his Wife Lucey, Anna y^e Wife of Tho^s Young all Renewed yr Baptismal Cov^t with this chh at y^e Same Time Baptized their Children Kezia & Icabod Corson Mary Plaiice. Baptized Also James Bickford — Baptized Molley & Margaret Palmer Children of Barnaby Palmer —

- July. 7. Baptized Abiel Daughter of Abr^m Cook.
 July. 14. Baptized Martha Drew Daughter of Tho^s Drew —
 July 21. Baptized Ebenezer Hannah & Elizabeth Clements y^e Children of Job Clements — At y^e Same Time Baptized Dorothy Winget. Isaac Libbey & his wife Sarah Took y^e Cov^t upon ym Baptized his wife Sarah Libbey —
 Aug. 11. Baptized Trustham Herd son of Jn^o Herd —
 Sep^r 22. Baptized Bethena Cook Daughter of Peter Cook Jun^r
 Sep^r 29 Baptized Elihu Hayes Son of Hezekiah Hayes of Dover y^e Same Day m^r Cushing Batized at Rochester Ann & Elisabeth young Children of Jon^a Young & Betty Corson Daughter of Icabod Corson.
 Nov^r 24. Baptized Dolley Mighill.
 Dec^r 8. Baptized John Chamberlain & Jonathan Palmer
 Jan^y 21. 1752. Baptized Rawlings Blagdon & Joseph Berry at y^e Neck —
 Feb. Baptized Deborah Rawlings Daughter of Edw^d Rawlings.
 April. 12. Baptized Sarah Door & Rebecca Trickey —
 May. 3. Baptized Mary Roger
 May 31. Baptized 7 Children at Barrington viz: Richard Babb (s?)
 June. 14. Baptized Phebe Doore & Abigail Ham —
 June 28. Abra^m Pearl Admitted Into Cov^t & was Baptized his Wife Renewed Her Baptismal Cov^t Baptized yr son Paul Also Baptized Jn^o Knowles. & Joseph Cook —
 July. 26. Baptized Joseph Plummer — Abigail Jennes & Elisabeth MacCrelis — Lade Nelson of Barrington Recieved his Baptismal Cov^t with ys Chh Baptized his child
 Aug 23. Baptized Tabitha Foy
 Sep^r 6. Baptized Lydia Jennes Isaac Wentworth
 Sep. 13. Baptized Martha Whitehouse
 Oct. 4. Baptized W^m Horn Sou of W^m Horn of Summersworth
 Oct. 11. Baptized Hannah Merry
 Nov^r 8. Baptized Jonathan & David Jennes —
 Feb^r 25. 1753 Baptized Robert Walker
 April 8. Baptized Sarah Daughter of Jn^o Plaiice
 May 13. Baptized James Roger Son of James Roger Jun^r
 May 27. Baptized Enoch Winget — Moses Bickford & Rebecca Forst.
 June 3. Baptized Abednego Herd
 June. 7. Baptised Richard Plaiice upon his Death bed at his Fathers House — y^e son of James Plaiice —
 June. 10. Baptized Elizabeth & Comfort Sevey —
 June. 11. Baptized Joseph Plaiice son of James Plaiice.
 June 14. Baptized Lydia & Jon^a Plaiice children of James Plaiice
 June 17. Baptized Joseph Door & Daniel Horn —
 June 24. Baptized Paul Herd & John Pearl.
 July 8. William M^{fee} & his wife Renewed yr Baptismal Cov^t Baptized yr Child John —
 July 15. Ebenezer Chamberlain Renewed his Baptismal Covt & his Wife Lucretia took y^e Covt upon her & was Baptised also Baptised yr child Susee.
 July 22. Baptised Daniel McNeal & Sarah Dam —
 July 29. Baptized Joseph Allard Rachel Bickford & John Bickford also Sarah Dam
 Aug. 5. Baptized Deborah & Dolly Plaiice —
 Aug. 12. Baptized Deborah Dam Daughter of Eln^a Dam
 Aug. 19. Baptized James Coleman —
 Aug. 25. Baptized Billy Pevey at his Fathers House
 Sept. 2. Baptized Daniel Pevey & Nathaniel Cook
 Sept 9. Baptized Susanna Richards John Winget —
 Sep^r 16. Benj^a Richards & his Wife — Renewed yr Baptismal Cov^t Baptized yr Child Bartholomew —

Sep^r 23. Ebenezer Plaice Jun^r & his Wife took y^e Cov^t upon ym Baptized his wife Love & his son Moses

Oct. 11. Baptized Ellis Farnam & Eliphalet Baisdell at Towow

Oct. 14 Nov^r 4. Baptized Esther Young daughter of Jon^a Young —

Nov^r 19. Baptized James Chamberlain Son of W^m Chamberlain

Dec^r 16. Baptized Timothy Young son of Tho^s Young

Feb^r. 7. 1754. Baptized Joshua Corson —

Feb^r. 17. Baptized Moses Mighill Son of Juⁿ Mighill

Feb^r 24. Baptized Jean Herd.

March. 31. Baptized Charles Baker Son of Charles Baker

April. 14 Baptized Mary Knowles & Juⁿ Richards —

April 21. Baptized Joseph Nelson —

April 28. Baptized Hannah Roger Daughter of Charles Roger

June. 30. Baptized Paul & Stephen Tebbetts Twins yr Parents Henry & Anna Tebbetts Renewed yr Baptismal Cov^t at y^e Same Time —

July. 14. Baptized Richard Garland of Barrington & Anna Door (?) of this Town Children —

July 21. Baptized Sarah Bickford Daughter of John Bickford —

Baptized Trickey July. 7th.

Aug. 4. Paul Farnam & his wife Elizabeth came before this Church & Renewed their Baptismal Cov^t — At y^e Same Time Baptized yr Child Mary Farnam —

Aug. 25. Baptized Lois Berry Daughter of Stephen Berry Jun^r

Sep^r 1. Dorcas y^e wife of Eleazar Hodgsdon took upon Her y^e Baptismal Cov^t & was Baptized —

Sep. 8. Baptized Daniel y^e Son of Benj^a Merry —

Sep^r. 15. Lemuel Bickford & his Wife Renewed their Baptismal Cov^t Baptized yr Child Hannah Also yⁿ Baptized Lear Rawlings & Moses Forst —

Sep^r 22. David Layton took y^e Cov^t upon Him & was Baptized His Wife Anna Renewed Her Baptismal Cov^t at y^e Same Time Baptized their child Dolley —

Oct. 6. Nathan Allen & his Wife Renewed yr Baptismal Cov^t — Baptized yr Child Joseph.

Oct^r 20. Baptized Lydia Allard & Molley Bickford

Oct. 27. Baptized Sarah Miller

Nov^r 3. Baptized James Burnam

Nov^r 10. Baptized Beard Plummer

Nov^r 17. Nath^l Tebbetts & his Wife Renewed their Cov^t Baptized their Children viz; Sarah Henry & Mary — Also Baptized Mary Wallingford —.

Dec^r 8. Wentworth Hayes & Mary his Wife Renewed their Baptismal Covenant Baptized their Child Amos Main who was Born Octob^r 25. 1754 about two of the clock in y^e afternoon. Also Baptized Mark Jennes —

Jan^r. 19. 1755. Baptized Betty Young Daughter of James Young w^o yⁿ Solemnly promised to Bring up that & all his Children Agreeable to y^e Bonds of y^e Cov^t & to Continue Himself yriu all his Days —

Feb^r. 9. Baptized Moses Son of Capt Tim^o Roberts at his Fathers House Being Dangerously Sick — y^e Same day Baptized William Son of Tho^s Pevey —

March 16. Abigail y^e wife of Daniel Page Renewed her Baptismal Cov^t. Baptized yr child Joseph Page —

March. 23. Baptized Richard Wentworth Son of Richd. Wentworth

April. 10. Baptized John Coleman at his Fathers House He Being Dangerously Sick —

13. Baptized Charles Tracey Whitehouse, Abigail Whitehouse, Sarah Drew, John Layton Mary Dam, Jonathan Horn & Keziah Plaice —

April 20. Baptized James Plaice & Sarah McFee.

May. 18. Baptized Betty Ham & Sarah Richards —

June 22. Baptized James Berry Son of Ephraim Berry — Tho^s Witherel

Entred Into Covt & was Baptized His Wife Renewed Her Covt at y^e Same Time Baptized their child

June 29. Joseph Tompson Entred into Covt & was Baptized at y^e Same time his Wife — Renewed her Baptism^l Covt — [This is recorded again on another page as June 22.]

July 20 Baptized Elizabeth Bickford Child of Rich^d Bickford —

July 27. Baptized Susanna Berry daughter of Benj^a Berry

Aug. 3. Baptized Elizabeth Winget Daughter of Sam^l Winget

Aug. 17. Baptized Joseph Herd & Ebenezer Chamberlain

Aug. 24. Baptized Abigail Cook Daughter of Peter Cook Jun^r

Nov^r 23. Baptized Dollee & Mary Plaice children of Abr^a Plaice —

Nov^r 30. Baptized Samuel Palmer & Elizabeth McNeal —

Dec^r 14. Baptized Lydia Marden —.

Feby. 11. 1756. Baptized Prudence Lock & Mercy Young

March Baptized Ebenezer corson & Baptized Samuel Forst

March 21. Love y^e Wife of Charles Baker Entred Into Covt & was Baptized. At y^e Same Time Baptized Joseph Richards Son of Jn^o Richards & James Witherell —

May 9. Baptized Tho^s Young Jason Chamberlain Comfort Knowles Molley Bickford & Daniel Pearl —

May 16. Baptized Susanna Garland Baptized Huldah Bickford so called Her Master & Mistress Jennes Bro't Her to Baptism —

May 30 Baptized W^m Roger & Mary Door —

June 6. Baptized Tobias Twombly.

June 20. Baptized Susanna Kenney of towow who Took the Baptismal Covt upon Her at y^e Same Time

June. 23. Baptized Sarah & Hannah Layton upon their mothers Acct at a Lect at Jn^o Laytons

July. 11. Baptized Sarah Pearl —

July 18. Patience Hartford & Hannah Pearl took y^e Covt upon them & were Baptized At y^e Same Time Baptized Icabod Allen Son of Nathan Allen

Aug. 22. Paul Jennes & his Wife Keturah Renewed yr Baptismal Covt. Baptized yr child Betty —

Sep^r. 5 Baptized Ralph Farnam Son of Paul Farnam of Towow —

Dec^r. 8. Baptized Benj^a Weymouth Son of Jn^o Weymouth At his Fathers House Being Dangerously Sick with Fitts —

Feb^r — 27. Baptized Edward Rawlings —

March 17. Baptized Sevey at y^e Lect at y^e Neck.

April. 16. Trustham Herd & his wife Renewed yr Baptismal Covt. Baptized yr child Rebecca. Baptized Mary Berry at y^e Same Time

24. Baptized Moses Merry — Ellis Baptized at Towow Nath^l Farnam Susanna Fall Abigail Blaisdell Elizabeth McCrelis & Benj^a Door

1757 At y^e Ministers Fast at Towow Baptized Mercy Farnam Jn^o Blaisdell Gershom Farnam

May 29. Jno Whitehouse & W^m Horn Jun^r Entred Into Covenant & were Baptized, At y^e Same Time Baptized Whitehouses 5 Children Viz Joseph, John, Jon^a, Judith, Elizabeth — Then Baptized W^m Horns Child Sam^l Herd & W^m Macfees child James —

June. 12. Baptized Hannah Place Daughter of Jn^o Place

July. 3. Baptized Abigail & Sarah Herd Twins of Jn^o Herd

July 24. Peter Wallingford Renewed his Baptismal Covt Baptized his Child Sarah & Jona Jennes —

July 24. 1757 (Being Lords Day) My Grandaughter Elizabeth Hayes was Born about 8 in y^e Evening & Baptized July 31. 1757 Baptized Jacob Layton — Samuel Layton & Temperance Pevey

Nov^r Baptized Tho^s Baker Ephraim Chamberlain Abner Dam Sarah Jennes

Dec^r 4. Baptized William Palmer —

May. 7. 1758. Baptized Thomas Chamberlain & Joseph Winget
 May 28. Baptized Experience Knowles.
 June. 4. Baptized Sarah Trickey —

MARRIAGES.

June 30. 1745. Married Jn^o Scates & Abigail Hayes —
 July 22 Married W^m Richardson & Abigail Plaice
 July 28. Married Thomas Young & Anne Roberts
 Dec. 12. Married Nath^l Tebbetts & Hannah Corson —
 Feb. 22. 1746. Married Samuel Downs & Anne Canney of Summersworth by a Certificate from y^e Parish Clerk Married William Downs & Mercy Canney of Summersworth by a Certificate from y^e Parish Clerk —
 Aug: 27. 1747. Then Married Jonathan Young & Elizabeth Mundro by a Certificate from y^e Town Clerk —
 Nov^r 12. Then Married Charles Roger & Mary Mc'duffe by a Certificate from y^e Town Clerk —
 Nov^r 26. Married James Roger Jun^r Lydia Layton by a Certificate from the Town Clerk —
 Dec^r 20. Then Married M^r Joseph Langdon Jun^r & Mrs Mary Hunkin by a Licence at Portsm^o —
 June 23. 1748. Then Married Abraham Pearl & Abigail Bickford of Rochester —
 June. 30. Then Married Daniel Cook of Sommersworth & Judith Perkins of Rochester —
 Octo^r 6. Then Married W^m Gage & Mary Cunner Both of Dover by a Licence from y^e Governour
 Oct. 13. Then Married Abner Dam & Mary Dana by a Licence from y^e Gov^r —
 Nov^r 14. Then Married Jon^a Hodgdon & Drusilla Horn by a Certificate from y^e Town Clerk
 Nov^r 17. Then Married Sam^l Emerson & Dorothey Chamberlain by a Certificate from y^e Town Clerk —
 Dec^r 5. Then Married Abra^m Cook & Jean Richards by a Certificate from y^e Town Clerk —
 Dec^r 15. Then Married Benj^a Stanton Hannah Jones of Summersworth by a Licence from y^e Gov^r —
 Aug. 20. 1749. Married Gilbert Perkins & Charity Hartford —
 Sep^r 17. Married Joseph Walker & Margaret Downs.
 April. 12. 1750 Married John Plaice & Lucey Jennes —
 Nov^r 20. Married Jon^a Dam & Mercy Varney
 Dec^r 3. Then Married Jn^o Tuttle of Dover & Sarah Danielson of Barrington by a Certificate from the Town Clerk of Dover —
 May 30. 1751. Married James Knowles & Experience Chamberlin
 Oct^r Married Samuel Ricker of Summersworth & Mary Forst of Dover by y^e Governours Licence —
 Dec^r 19. Married David Leighton & Anne Chamberlain
 April 1. 1752 Married Henry Tebbetts & Anna Berry
 April. 22. Married W^m Macfee & Martha Allen
 May 30. 1753 Married Benj^a Webber & Allen of Towow.
 June 10. Married Paul Farnam & Elizabeth Door —
 Aug. 15. Married John Door & Hannah Edgerly —
 Nov^r 11. Married Peter Wallingford & Abigail Walker —
 Nov^r 29. Married Wentworth Hayes & my Daughter Mary Main by the Governours Licence —
 Dec^r 20. Married John Ellis & Judith Ash of Towow —
 Dec^r 26. Married Joseph Barbar & Mercy Lock —
 Febr^y 21. 1754. Married Sam^l Drown Jun^r & Mary Sevey —
 March. 7. Married Moses Brown & Susanna Tebbetts

Oct. 31. Married Jn^o Canney & Elisabeth Brock of Summersworth by a Certificate from y^e Clerk —

Dec^r 26. Married Paul Jennes & Keturah Dam —

Jan^y 9th 1755 Married Henry Bickford & Abigail Tebbetts of Towow —

Feb^y 2. Then Married Annaniah Clarke of Berwick & Mary Hanson of Summersworth by a Certificate from Humphry Chatbourn Town Clerk —

June 22. Married Aaron Downs & Susanna Hammock — BEE

July. 30. Married John Witherell & Rebecca Clark —

Aug. 21. Married George Plaice & Kezia Knight —

Nov^r 23. Married Jn^o Wallingford & Lydia Garland of Summersworth —

Dec^r 1. Married Jon^s Ellis & Abigail Richards —

Dec^r 3. Married Benj^a Wentworth & Rebecca Hodgson —

Dec^r 4 Married Benj^a Hayes Jun^r & Mary Dearing —

Feb^y. 8. 1757 Married Richard Door & Patience Tebbetts of Towow —

March 17. Married Tho^s Babb & Meribah Lock of Barrington

April 7. Married Isaac Stanton & Patience Hartford.

21. Married Ebenezer Tebbetts Olive Door of Towow

The records thus far are from the hand of "Parson Main" and complete the first book. No records of the next years are found till the second volume begins with the pastorate of Mr. Hall who began with

"BAPTISMS IN THE YEAR 1764 ATTESTED BY THE DEACON."

April 14. Hannah, Daughter of Abraham Pearl & his wife

May. 6. Hannah Daughter of Trustram Heard & his Wife

21. Elijah Son of Peter Horn & his Wife Mercy Paul Son of Jacob Chamberlin & Wife Alice Betty Daughter of Joseph Dam & his Wife Mary Daughter of James Rogers & his Wife Alice Daughter of William Chamberlin & Wife Elenor Daughter of Nathan Allen & his Wife Susannah Daughter of Stephen Berry & his Wife

June 10. Jonathan Son of John Place & his Wife

Sep. 9. William Son of David Leighton & Wife Hannah Daughter of Will^m M'Duffe & his Wife Keziah Daughter of Joseph Cooke & his Wife

Oct^o. 28 James Wood taken into Covenant & baptised —

1765. April 21. Trustram Son of Reuben Hard & his Wife Hate-Evil Son of Joseph Knight & his Wife Susannah Daughter of Thomas Young & his Wife Alice Daughter of John Trickey & Wife Sarah Daughter of Lemuel Bickford & his Wife Elisabeth Daughter of Abner Dam & his Wife

Sep. 14. Jacob Son of Ebenezer Place & his Wife

1766 July 13. Theodore Son of Wentworth Hays & his Wife James Son of James M'Duffee & his Wife Clement Son of Benjamin Hays & his Wife Trustram Son of Trustram Heard & his Wife James son of Ephraim Ham & his Wife Patience Daughter of John Wentworth & his Wife Rebekah Daughter of Peter Horn & his Wife Mercy —

Sep. William Son of Joseph Cooke & his Wife Jacob Son of Peter Wallingford & his Wife Eleazar Son of Alexander Hogsdon & his Wife

Thus far is the Deacon's account —

Oct. 19. Anne Daughter of Ichabod Cosen & his Wife, by Theo. Hall [p. 96].

Nov. 2. Ephraim Son of Samuell Plummer & his Wife

13. Benjamin Son of Barnabas Palmer & his Wife Marget Daughter of William Chamberlin & Wife

1767 Feb. 1. Elizabeth Daughter of David Leighton & his Wife

April 19. Lydia Daughter of Daniel Garland & his Wife

24. Lydia & Triphena Daug^s of Ephraim Berry & his Wife Molley
Daughter of ——— Dam & his Wife

May 3. James Son of David Place & his Wife Joseph Son of Jacob Chamberlin & his Wife Betty Daughter of John Bruster & his Wife Lucy Daughter of John Place & his Wife Sarah Daughter of Samuel Wingat & his Wife Temperance Daughter of Lemuel Bickford & his Wife

24. Thomas Son of Samuel Chamberlin & his Wife Olive Daughter of Stephen Berry & his Wife

July 26. ——— Son of Alexander Hogsdon & his Wife

Aug. 2. Nathaniel Son of Thomas Garland & his Wife Joseph & Benj^a twins
Sons of Ichabod Cosen his Wife

23. Moses Son of Thomas Young & his Wife

26. Elisha Son of Nathan Allen & his Wife

Sep. 6. Dudley Son of Daniel Garland & his Wife Olive Daughter of Reuben Heard & his Wife

16 ——— the Wife of Aaron Downs

Oct. 11. Jon^a Sam^l & Elisha Sons of Wili^m Jennes Jun^r & his Wife

Nov. 8. ——— annah Daughter of Avery Hall & Wife Mary

Nov. 15 John Mussett Son of Richard Place & his Wife

1768. Feb. John Son of Ebenezer Chamberlin & Wife Daniel Son of Daniel Page & his Wife

March 9. Mercy Daughter of Abner Dam & his Wife

May 8. Moses Son of ——— Rollins & his Wife Sarah Daughter of ———
Rollins & his Wife

Oct. 2 William Son of William M'Duffee & Wife Abigail Daughter of Trus-
tam Heard & his Wife

20: Dolley Daughter of Joseph Heard & Wife Abigail Daughter of Widow
Place Sam^l Son of Widow Place

23. Mary D of Benjn Hays & Wife Triphena D of Ephaim Berry & Wife

1769. March 26. Stephen Son of Levy Tole & his Wife now of Leavits Town
Mehitabel Daughter of Avery Hall & his Wife Mary

April. 15. John Son of Paul Lebby & his Wife Mary

23 Paul Son of Richard Place & his Wife

June 25 Elisha Son of John Bruster & his Wife

July 23: Moses Son of Samuel Wingate & his Wife

Aug. 6. Joseph Son of Barnabas Palmer & his Wife Edmond Son of Peter
Horn & his Wife Mercy

Sep. 24. Ebenezer twin Son of Abraham Pearl & his Wife Elenor Daughter of
Abraham Pearl & his Wife Abigail Daughter of Alexander Hodgdon Jun^r — his
Wife

Oct. 8 Molly Daughter of Wentworth Hays & his Wife Mary. Betty Daughter
of Lemuel Bickford & his Wife

Nov. 5: Penuel Son of Jacob Chamberlin & his W Susanna Daughter of George
Place & his Wife

26: Ebenezer Son of Samuel Plumer & his Wife

1770 April 1. Betty Daughter of George Place & his Wife

April. 15: William Son of William Jennes Jun^r & his Wife

May. 13 Abigail Daughter of John Place & his Wife

June: 3 Stephen Son of David Place & his Wife

July 1 Hannah Daughter of Jonathan Hodgdon & his Wife Mary

July 15 James Son of James Knoles & his Wife Experience

Aug 5: John Son of John Bruster & his Wife

26 John Son of John Garland Jun^r & his Wife of Barrington

Nov: 18: Mary my Daughter Mercy Daughter of Barnabas Palmer & his
Wife

Dec: 30: Samuel Son of Ephraim Ham & his Wife

March 1771. Temperance Daughter of ——— Hoit & his Wife

May 19 Stephen Son of Joseph Herd & his Wife
 July: 7. Anna Daughter of David Leighton & his Wife
 14. Lydia Daughter of the Widow Wallingford
 July 21: Stephen Son of Stephen Berry & his Wife Jacob Son of James M^r-
 Duffee & his Wife
 Aug. 11: Benjamin Son of Benjamin Hays & his Wife
 18: Elisabeth & Mary Daughters of John Barker & Wife Elisabeth
 Sep. 15. Joshua Son of Ebenezer Chamberlin & Wife Moultonborough
 James Nailer Son of Jonathan Hodgdon & Wife pr M^r Merriam
 Oct. 6: Jacob Son of Peter Horn & his Wife Mercy Pheby Daughter of Thomas
 Garland & Wife Rachel
 Nov. 12 Abigail Daughter of Daniel Page & his Wife Paul Son of ——— Dam
 & his Wife
 17. David & John Sons of John Barker & his Wife Elisabeth Lydia Daughter
 of Ruben Herd & his Wife
 June. 7: 1772. Jacob Son of Jacob Chamberlin & his Wife Alice. N. Durham
 Samuel Son of Samⁿ Chamberlin & his Wife pr M^r Belknap
 Aug. 6: Samuel Son of Samⁿ Plummer & his Wife Stephen Son of Ephraim
 Wentworth & his Wife.
 Sep^r 27. Keziah Daughter of George Place & his Wife Margaret Daughter of
 James Horn & his Wife Ester
 Nov. 22. Stephen Son of John Bruster & his Wife
 Dec. 13. Baptized James Horn who was then Taken into Covenant William Son
 of James Horn & his Wife Ester — Charity & Ester Daughters of James Horn &
 his Wife Ester
 1773 Abigail Daughter of Ephraim Ham & his Wife by M^r Pike ——— Daughter
 of Aaron Ham & his Wife ——— Son of Lemuel Bickford & his Wife
 June 24. Betty & Margaret Daughters of Ichabod Hays & his Wife Tamsin
 July. 4. James Son of James Horn & his Wife
 July 18 Tamzin Daughter of Wentworth Hays and his Wife Mary
 Nov. Mercy & Hannah Daughters of John Wentworth of East Town
 Dec^r 12: Sarah, Daughter of ——— Hoit & his Wife
 March 13. 1774. Theodore Son of Alexander Hodgson Ju^r & his Wife.
 April. 10. Rebekah Richardson — Elisabeth Daughter of Benjamin Hays &
 his Wife
 June. 26. Olive Daughter of George Place & his Wife
 Dec. 14. Prudence the Wife of Solomon Clark
 April 10. 1775. Mary Daughter of A——— H——— & his Wife Abigail Mary
 the Daughter of Ephraim Ham & his Wife

Mr. Hall's record ends here, and the remainder is in the hand-
 writing of Mr. Haven.

AD 1776

BAPTISMS.

Febr 26th Samuel, Son to Joseph Jones
 March 11th Mehetabel & Elizabeth, Daughters of David Place.
 April 14th John, Son to James Foster
 May 19th Moses, son to David Lughton
 June 9th Benjamin, Son to Benj. Hoit
 June 16th Jonathan, son to the Widow Abigail Pottle
 July 26th Jane, Daughter to Samuel Jones
 July 28th Elizabeth, Daughter to Tristem Heard
 August 4th Patience, Wife of Cornelius Jennes John, son to Cornelius Jennes
 August 13.th Elizabeth, Daughter to Isaac Libby
 Sept^r 15th Daniel, son to Dan^l Garland

- Dec^r 6th Aaron Allard, upon his making a confession of faith
 AD 1780 Jan^r 16. Samuel, Son to Eben^r Tebbets
 March 26. David, Son to James Forst of Barrington
 July 2^d Hezekiah, Son to Ichabod Hayes, baptiz'd by M^r Ordway of Middle-
 town
 July 9th Henry, Son to Peter Hayes.
 July 23^d Sarah, Daughter to Abner Hodgdon
 July 25th Juda Witheren, daughter to John Witheren, upon her making a con-
 fession of faith
 Sept^r 10th Mary, & Anna Daughters of Joseph Page
 Sept^r 17th John, Son to Joseph Haven
 Sept^r 24th John, Son to Wentworth Hayes
 Oct^r 24th Oliver, Daniel, & Jacob Sons to Daniel Pevee. Sally, daughter to
 Daniel Pevee
 Nov^r 12th Josiah Durgen, upon his making a confession of faith in Christ.
 Nov^r 28th Daniel, Son to Josiah Durgen William, Son to William Knight
 Lois, Daughter to William Knight Charlotte, Daughter to Josiah Durgen
 1781 Jan^r 4th Moses, Son to Moses Weymouth Lydia, Daughter to Moses Wey-
 mouth
 March 25th Abigail, Wife to Tho^s Brown, upon her making a confession of
 faith
 April 28th Elisabeth Daughter to Moses Roberts
 April 29th Ezra, Son to Moses Roberts. Susannah, Daughter to Moses Roberts.
 May 29th Nathaniel, Son to Alexander Hodgdon Jun^r Molly, Daughter to Ben-
 jamin Hoit
 May 27th Jesse, Son to Ephraim Kimball
 June 14th Theodore, & Samuel Emerson, Sons to Samuel Furbur Mary & Elis-
 abeth, daughters to James Chesley Thomas, Son to James Chesley
 June 17th Alice, Daughter to Deaⁿ Jacob Chamberlain of the Gore.
 July 1st Sarah, Daughter to David Place
 July 7th David, Son to James Horn, Dover Jonathan, Son to Benj. Furbur
 Mary, Daughter to Benj. Furbur
 July 19th William Kingman, Son to Samuel Hayes of Barrington
 July 22^d Roger, Son to Samuel Copps of Lebanon
 July 29th Tristram, Son to Joseph Tucker
 August 12th Ephraim, Son to Ephraim Wentworth
 Sept^r 9th Nathaniel, Son to Stephen Jenkins
 Sept^r 19th Stephen, Daniel & Robert Sons to Robert M^cCrelus Esther, Elisa-
 beth & Mary, Daughters to Robert M^cCrelus
 Oct^r 7th John & Moses Sons to Tho^s Brown Elisabeth Daughter to Moses
 Hayes Jun^r
 Oct^r 28th Richard Furbur, Son to James Chesley
 Nov^r 14th George, Son to Abraham Waldron William, Son to John Kingman
 James, Son to Hinkson Merden [all] of Barrington
 Dec^r 23^d Abigail, Daughter to Benj. Furbur
 AD 1782 Jan^r 6th Rebecca, Daughter to Ebenezer Tebbets
 April 14th Rebecca, Daughter to Benjamin Forst Jun^r
 May 19th Hannah Furbur, grand daughter to Benj. Forst
 June 23^d Alexander, Son to John Barker Moses, Son to Moses Roberts Tam-
 esin, Daughter to Ichabod Hayes
 July 2^d Daniel, Son to Joseph Hayes of Barrington Betty, Daughter to Sam^l
 Hayes of Barrington
 July 3^d Abigail, Daughter to John Bennet of New Durham, offered to baptism
 by her grand parents, Robberts
 July 7th Isaac, Son to Paul Jennes
 July 14th John, Ebenezer, James & Henry, Sons to Henry Tebbets Charity,
 Susannah, & Sarah, Daughters to Henry Tebbets

- July 21st Mary, Daughter to Joseph Haven
 July 28th David Copps, Son to Joseph Page
 June 9th Deborah Walker, & Martha Bracket twin Daughters to Cap^t Parrot of
 Portsmouth, baptized at M^r Buckminster's Meeting
 Oct^r 6th John Fabins, Son to Samuel Furbur Jonathan, Son to Jonathan Mor-
 rison Sally, (Wife of Jonathan Morrison) upon her making confession of faith
 Sally, Daughter to Jonathan Morrison Molly, Daughter to Moses Hayes Jun^r
 Nov^r 24th George, Son to Benj Hoit
 1783 April 30th Lois, Daughter to John Mardin, upon her death bed
 May 16th Lydia and Sarah twin daughters of John Cate Elisabeth, daughter to
 William Locke Elisabeth daughter to George Waterhouse Hannah, daughter to
 James Howard [all] of Barrington
 May 26th Molly, daughter to Moses Downs
 June 12th John, Son to Elisha Blake of Barrington
 June 29th Joseph, Son to Josiah Durgin Rose, daughter to W^m Knight
 July 13th Isaac, Son to David Place
 July 16th Joshua, Son to Daniel Horn, on a sick bed.
 August 12th Mary and Elisabeth Two Daughters of Sam^l Winkly Jun^r Bar-
 rington
 Sept^r 29th David, Son to Eben^r Wentworth Anne, daughter to Ebenezer Went-
 worth
 Nov^r 2^d Anne, daughter of Robert McCreclus.
 1784 May 9th Samuel, Son to Ephraim Kimball Lydia, Daughter to Joseph
 Tucker
 July 18th Hannah, Daughter of Ichabod Hayes
 August 15th James, Son to Dan^l Calef Abigail, Daughter to Dan^l Calef
 Sept^r 5th George, Son to Joseph Haven Edward (*sic*), Son to Henry Tebbets
 Sept^r 9th Mercy, Daughter to Timothy Davis, of the Gore
 Sept^r 12th Peter, Son to Daniel Horn of Wakefield Temperance, Daughter to
 Richard Hitlon [Hilton?]
 Sept^r 26th A child of Abner Hodgdon's, No Name
 Oct^r 31st Noah & Isaac, Sons to Noah Thompson, adopted by John Place
 Hannah, daughter to Noah Thompson, adopted by John Place.
 Dec^r 5th John, Son Benj. Rollings Sarah, Betty, & Molly, Daughter of Benj.
 Rollings
 1785 March 14th Solomon Perkins, aged 82. a Quaker, upon his making a
 Confession of Faith, & desiring to be baptized.
 April 10th Sarah, Daughter to Moses Roberts
 June 5th Stephen, Son to Benj Rollings—A twin Nancy, Daughter to Benj.
 Rollings—A Twin Richard, Son to Benj. Furbur. James & John, Sons to Mo-
 ses Hayes Jun^r—Twins
 June 26th Nabby, Daughter to James Chesley Martha Horn Daughter to Joseph
 Page
 July 3^d Patience, Daughter to Stephen Jenkins
 July 17th Nabby, Daughter to Benj. Forst Jun^r
 August 21st Sarah, Daughter to Sam^l Furbur.
 Sept^r 4th Lydea, Daughter to Ephraim Wentworth
 Oct^r 2^d Samuel, Son to Jonathan Morrison
 1786 Jan^r 17th John Canney Son to Robert McCreclus
 June 4th Lucy, Daughter to D^r James How
 June 11th Ezekiel, Son to Ichabod Hayes
 July 23^d Abigail, Daughter to Elijah Horn
 August 6th Ephraim, Son to Ephraim Kimball.
 August 13th Rebecca, Daughter to Joseph Haven Betsey, Daughter to Abner
 Hodgdon
 Sept^r 3^d Jacob, Son to Timothy Davis of the Gore

- Oct^r 30th Stephen, Son to Tho^s Pinkham. The Child taken by its grandmother Berry as hers, & offered by her to Baptism.
- Nov^r 8th Benjamin, Son to Nath^l Horn of Dover
- Nov^r 14th Jonathan, Son to Tho^s Pinkham Deborah, Daughter to John Carr, & Lydia also his Daughter Sarah, Daughter to Moses Chamberlain
- Nov^r 17th Timothy, Son to David Corson
- Nov^r 20th William, Son to David Corson
- 1787 July 22^d James, Son to Dr James How Elisabeth, Daughter to Benj. Furbur
- August 5th John, Son to Jonathan Morrison Mary, Daughter to John Brewster
- Sept^r 2^d Joseph Sceva upon his making a confession of faith
- Sept^r 9th Samuel, Son to Moses Chamberlain
- Sept^r 10th, Tamzin, Wife of Moses Drown upon her making a confession of faith.
- Oct^r 17th Ebenezer Garland upon his confessing his faith in Christ John, James, Ephraim, Samuel, Sons to Ebenezer Garland Patience, Daughter to Ebenezer Garland upon confessing her faith in Christ James, John, Jeremy, Sons to Sam^l Mills Elisabeth, Daughter to Sam^l Mills, upon confessing her Faith &c. Mary, Daughter to Sam^l Mills Sarah, Daughter to Eleazar Ham Samuel Drown 3^d upon confessing his faith in Christ Stephen Drown upon confessing his faith in Christ
- Oct^r 28th Sally, Daughter to James Chesley
- Nov^r 1st Joel, Son to Sam^l Furbur Richard, Son to Richard Furbur Jun^r
- 1788 June 1st William, Son to Deaⁿ Jacob Chamberlain of the Gore
- June 8th Esther, — Daughter to Benj. Rollings
- June 15th Lydia, Daughter to Joseph Haven. Sally, Daughter to Nathaniel Heard.
- August 31st Mercy, Daughter to Elijah Horn
- Sept^r 14th David, Son to David Corson Abigail, Daughter to Joseph Tucker
- Sept^r 21st Rebecca, Daughter of John Knowles James, John, Daniel, & Ephraim, Sons to John Knowles
- Sept^r 26th Relief Daughter to Abner Hodgdon
- Oct^r 19th Pierce, Son to Richard Furbur Jun^r
- Nov^r 9th Benjamin, Son to Benj. Furbur
- 1789 Abigail Daughter of Benj. Page
- May 3^d Thomas Pickering, Son to James Burnham. Sally, Wife to John M. Place, upon her confessing her faith in Christ
- May 31st William, Son to John Knowles.
- June 7th George, Son to James How
- June 14th Isaac Buxell } twin Sons of James Chesley
Jacob ——— }
- July 23^d Joshua, Benjamin, Samuel, Sons of Joshua Downing upon their confessing their faith in Christ. John, Elias, Ezekiel, William, Sons of Jonathan Wentworth, the two Eldest confessing their faith in Christ Nathaniel, Son of Enoch Burnham Mary, Mehetibel, Tryphena, Lois, Betsey, Daughters of Enoch Burnham Stephen, Son of Edmund Wingate Lydia, Daughter of Edmund Wingate Nicholas, Son of Ezekiel Ricker
- Sept^r 6th John, Son of Benj. Forst Elisabeth & Phebe, Daughters of John Musset Place
- Sept^r 13th Mary Allen, Daughter to Tho^s Pinkham
- Sept^r 20th Stephen, Son of Moses Hayes Jun^r
- Oct^r 18th Hannah, Daughter of Eleazar Ham
- Oct^r 25th Robinson, Bracket, & Barnabas Sons to Benj. Palmer Patty, Wife of Benj. Palmer, upon making a confession of faith in Christ
- Nov^r 1st Abigail, Wife of Silas Dame, upon making a pfeession of faith in X Sally, Daughter of Silas Dame
- Nov^r 15th Polly, Daughter of Ichabod Hayes
- Jan^r 19th 1790 Susannah Palmer, upon a Dying bed.

Jan^r 31st Enoch Page, Son of Nath^l Heard
 March 1st Nehemiah Kimball, upon a sick bed, after confessing his faith in Christ.

May 2^d Daniel, Son of Benj. Page

May 9th Mary, Daughter to Eleazer Hodgdon

June 6th Mary, Daughter of Joseph Haven Susa, Daughter of Benjamin Rollings

June 13th John, Son of Deaⁿ Jacob Chamberlain, of New Durham Gore

June 27th Norton, Son of Benj. Scates. Richard, Son of Richard Furbur Jun^r

July 7th Jonathan, Son of Ichabod Wentworth Nabby, Daughter of Ichabod Wentworth

July 13th Lucy, Daughter of Jonathan Wentworth By Rev^d Benj. Thurston

Sept^r 27th Dolly Berry, upon a Sick bed

Nov^r 11th Aaron, Son of Amos Whittum Thomas, Son of Tho^s Horn Molly and Betsy, Daughters of Thomas Horn

Nov^r 12th Lydia, Daughter of John Wentworth

April 26th 1791 Francis Nutter upon a Sick Bed, & his confessing Faith in Christ, & his parents also giving him up to the Lord.

April 30th Dudley Wentworth, upon his confessing his Faith in Christ.

July 10th Dolly, Daughter of Silas Dame; By M^r Robert Gray

July 20th Martha Perkins, upon a Sick bed; her age 93; in her younger days She professed to be a Quaker.

August 7th Daughter of Josiah Durgen. By M^r Hasey of Lebanon

August 14th Betsey, Daughter of Richard Furbur Jun^r

August 28th Joseph, Son to Hatevil Knight, upon the parents making a confession of faith, renewing the covenant in their house, & promising to do it in publick. The child baptized was dangerously ill. Charlotte, Daughter to Elijah Horn

Sept^r 11th Joseph, Son to Joseph Clarke Elisabeth Mosely, Daughter to Joseph Clarke

Sept^r 18th Jonathan, & John Sons of Joseph Roberts Elisabeth, Daughter of Joseph Roberts

Oct^r 2^d James, Son of James Chesley

Oct^r 16th Joseph, Son of Joseph Tucker

Oct^r 23^d Mathias, & Joseph, Sons of Dudly Wentworth's Widow Nabby, Daughter to Dummer Farnum of Shapleigh.

Oct^r 30th Daniel & Elijah, Sons of W^m Leighton Hall Jackson, Son of Dr James How

Jan^r 25th 1792 John Nutter (on a Sick Bed) upon his confessing his Faith in Christ.

May 9th Edmund, Son of Sam^l Furbur Thomas, Son of Ezekiel Ricker Nabby, Daughter of Ephraim Kimball. Polly, Daughter of Sam^l Furber.

June 3^d Ebenezer, Son of John Musset Place

June 10th Mercy, Daughter of Ichabod Wentworth.

July 8th Abigail, Daughter to Joseph Page

July 22^d Lydia White, Daughter to Dan^l Wingate Jun^r

July 29th Mary, Daughter of John Raynel

August 5th Ruthy, Daughter to Joseph Haven

Sept^r 30th Olly, Daughter of Enoch Burnham

Nov^r 4th Isaac, Son of Tho^s Pinkham. Susa, Daughter of Benj. Forst.

Nov^r 11th James, Son of John Richards Jun^r Sarah, Abigail & Elisabeth Daughters of John Richards Jun^r

Dec^r 9th Benjamin, Son of Benj. Page

1793 Febr 28th Baptized at the House of Cap^t James Adams his Children; the Sons named, 1st Benjamin, 2^d Amos, 3^d Augustus, 4th James, 5th Jesse, the Daughter named Elisabeth

April 25th Baptized a Daughter of Ichabod Hill by the Name of Betsy.

- June 22^d Baptized Amos, Son to Dan^l Wingate Baptized Abigail, Daughter to W^m Leighton
- July 7th Baptized, Walter Briant, Son to Hatevil Knight
- July 14th Baptized, Rebecca, Daughter to James Wentworth Bapt^d Mary M^c-Duffee, Daughter to David Corson
- Sept^r 22^d Baptized Jenny Daughter to Joseph Tucker
- Sept^r 29th Baptized, Mercy Daughter to Eleazer Ham
- 1793 Nancy, Daughter of Joseph Clark
- Nov^r 12th John, Son to Sam^l Jennes Mercy, Daughter to Sam^l Hayes
- Dec^r 29th Joseph Hilliard, Son of Joshua Lane
- April 10th 1794 Benjamin, Son of Benj. Scates Olly, Daughter of Joseph Hoit
- June 4th Lydia, Daughter of Nath^l Heard James, Son of Nath^l Heard
- June 8th Nehemiah, Son of Ephaim Kimball
- July 26th Joshua, Son of Edmond Wingate
- August 31st Benjamin, son of Benj. Page Noah, son of Joseph Haven
- Sept^r 14th Debby, Daughter to James Chesley
- Sept^r 23th Martha, Daughter to Ichabod Wentworth
- Oct^r 7th An infant, daughter to Abner Hodgdon
- Oct^r 19th Enoch, Son of Enoch Burnham Nathaniel, Son of Eleazer Hodgdon
- Nov^r 24th William, Son of Ezekiel Ricker
- Dec^r 14th Joshua Paine, son of Joseph Clark
- 1795 May 10th Lydia, Daughter of Dummer Farnum
- June 11th Joseph Willard, son of Dr James How
- July 12th William, John, Sons of Dan^l Calf Susanna, Daughter of Dan^l Calf.
- July 19th Mary Dole, Daughter of Hatevil Knight
- July 20th Thomas Furbur Jun^r by his own desire
- August 23^d Sarah, daughter of Joseph Page, baptized by Mr Thurston
- August 28th Hannah Twombly, (aged 29 years) upon her confession of Faith in Christ
- Sept^r 13th Daniel Gardener, Son of Dan^l Wingate
- Oct^r 22^d Anna, Daughter of Levi Dearborn Esq^r
- Nov^r 29th Edward Bell, son of Edward Cole
- Dec^r 3^d Phinehas, son to Ezekiel Ricker William, Son to Sam^l Jennes
- Dec^r 17th Phebe Heard, daughter of Joshua Rollins
- 1796 Febr^r 7th Jacob Main, upon his confession of faith in Christ
- May 18th Patience Seavey, Daughter of Sam^l Doust Forst
- May 28th John, son of W^m Leighton.
- June 22^d Ichabod Hayes, Son to W^m Wentworth Mehetabel, Daughter of Dudley Burnham
- June 30th Samuel & Peter, Sons to David Wallingford Anna, Daughter to Elijah Horn. Abigail, Daughter to David Wallingford
- Sept^r 4th William Messer, upon his confession of Faith in Christ. Nathaniel, Son of the above W^m Messer
- Oct^r 9th Joshua, Son of Joshua Lane } by the Rev^d Mr Gray
William, Son of Benj. Furbur }
- 1797 Febr^r 23^d John, Son of Ephraim Kimball Sarah, Daughter of Sam^l Jennes
- May 14th Martha Burleigh, Daughter of Joseph Clark, by the Rev^d Benj. Balch, of Barrington
- June 12th John Carter, Grandson to Dodavi Garland Sally, Grandaughter to Dodavi Garland, this child with John Carter adopted by Said Garland
- July 30th Sally Nowell, and Nancy, Daughters of Benj. Evens
- Sept^r 10th Richard, Son of John Musset Place Sarah Fisher, Daughter of Joseph Haven
- Sept^r 28th Nathaniel Horn, Son of Nath^l Heard Hannah, Daughter of Nath^l Heard

- Oct^r 22^d Jonathan, Son of Eleazer Ham, (by M^r Hilliard)
 Febr 16th 1798 Luke, Son of Sam^l Furbur
 June 17th John Wingate, Son of Richard Furbur Jun^r (by M^r Thomson)
 June 24th Lois, Daughter of Silas Dame, by M^r Balch of Barrington
 Sept^r 16th Elisabeth, Daughter of W^m Conner, by Rev^d Robert Gray.
 1799 Febr 20th Mark Huntress, upon his making his confession of Faith Lib-
 erty, Daughter of Abner Hodgdon Elisabeth Emerson, Daughter of Mark Hun-
 tress Dolly, Daughter of Mark Huntress Henrietta, Daughter of Mark Hun-
 tress Joseph Peterson, Son of Mark Huntress John, Son of Mark Huntress
 Joshua, Son of Stephen Brewster Rosietta, Daughter of Stephen Brewster Eliza,
 Daughter of Sephen Brewster
 July 7th Rufus King, Son of Benj. Evans Wealthy, Daughter of Benj. Page
 1800 Febr 17th Benjamin Heard, Son of Joshua Rollins Joshua Nutter, Son of
 Joshua Rollins
 April 13th Phebe Heard } twin Daughters of Joshua Rollins
 Hannah Heard }
 April 27th Rachel, Daughter of Elijah Horn
 May 12th Stephen Twombly, upon a Sick bed, upon his confession of his
 Faith in Christ & the christian Religion.
 May 17th John Smith Bryant, Son of Hatevil Knight
 June 19th Stephen, Son of Stephen Twombly Anna & Betty Daughters of
 Stephen Twombly
 Oct^r 12th James, Son of Eleazar Ham
 Oct^r 26th John Place, Son of Benj. Evans.
 Nov^r 30th Jabez, Son of Caleb Dame Anna, Daughter of Caleb Dame
 Sept^r 27th 1801 Solomon Perkins, & at the Same time received him into full
 Communion with y^e Chh
 Oct^r 18th John Musset, Son of John Musset Place
 Nov^r 1st Elisabeth Furbur, Daughter of Stephen Place
 Jan^r 5th 1802. Rachel, Daughter of Widow Alice Horn.
 Febr 24th Thomas Downs, Son of Moses Downs.
 July 11th Joseph, Son of Benj. Page.
 July 18th Elisabeth, Daughter of Cap^t Sam^l Furbur Eleanor Cooper, Daughter
 of Ephraim Kimbal
 August 19th Reuben Hanniford & his Wife, Sarah Levi Dearborn, Son of Reu-
 ben Hanniford John Prentice, Son of Sam^l Adams John Brewster, Son of
 Thomas Chesley
 Oct^r 17th Peter, Son of the Widow Alice Horn; (By M^r Piper) Elisabeth
 Downing, Daughter of Widow Alice Horn by M^r Piper
 Oct^r 24th Meribah Emery, Daughter of Caleb Dame
 Febr 14th 1803 Elisabeth Lewis Prentis, Daughter of Moses L. Neal
 Febr 20th Thomas, & Vincent, Sons of Thomas Pinkham Rebecca, Daughter
 of Thomas Pinkham
 March 14th John, Son of John Brewster Jun^r
 July 7th Moses Leavitt; John Prentiss & Samuel Adams, all Sons of Moses L.
 Neal.
 Oct^r 2^d Baptized — Mary, Daughter of Nath^l Upham
 Oct^r 23^d Polly, daughter of Silas Dame
 March 14th 1804 Betty, Daughter of John Brewster Jun^r
 May 13th Nancy, a Negress, called Nancy Patterson, by her desire, & upon her
 confession of faith in the christian religion, or doctrines of the Gospel.
 June 10th Joseph Lemmon, Son of Moses L. Neal Esq^r Susanna, Daughter of
 Stephen Place. Elisabeth Dennett, Daughter of Tho^s Chesley.
 June 17th Samuel, Son of Samuel Adams, (of Durham)
 Sept^r 16th Alfred, Son of Nath^l Upham
 Jan^r 18th 1805, Sally, daughter of John M. Place
 May 24th Anne Hilton, daughter of Reuben Hanniford

July 24th Mary, Wife of Ichabod Corson, upon her bed, being almost exhausted with a consumption

Sept^r 8th Abigail Roberts, daughter of Edmond Wingate

Sept^r 22^d Joseph, Son of Silas Dame

Sept^r 29th Sally, & John, daughter & Son of Stephen Brewster

May 25th 1806. Charles, Son of Stephen Place

June 8th James Armstrong, Son of Moses L. Neal

July 6th George, Son of John Haven

Sept^r 28th Son of Joseph Clark Esq^r by the Name of Simon

Oct^r 19th James, Son of Thomas Chesley.

Dec^r 15th Baptized the widow Anne Clark upon her confession of her faith in Christ & his gospel; She being Sick & in danger; but appearing to be under due concern for her Spiritual interest. Her age 72 Years

1807 May 31st Baptized, Timothy, Son of Nath^l Upham

August 30th Baptized Elisabeth, daughter of Benj. Page

Oct^r 9th 1808 Rev^d Isaac Smith baptizd, James Horn, Son of Stephen Place

Jan^r 19th 1809 Baptised the widow Hannah Rogers of Rochester, on a Sick bed upon her confession of her faith in Jesus Christ & hopes of glory thro' him.

Jan^r 28th Baptised Comfort Trickey upon a Sick bed, upon her confession of faith in Christ Jesus & hopes of Salvation thro' him.

August 13th Baptized James Willard, Son of John Haven

August 20th Baptized Sarah, Ann, Daughter of Joseph Clark Esq^r baptized, Joseph Badger, Son of Nath^l Upham Esq^r

Oct^r 8th Elijah, & Daniel Wentworth, Sons of Elijah Horn of Milton

April 22^d 1810. Baptized, Cornelia, Daughter of Oliver Crosby Esq^r of Dover, & at Dover.

August 19th Baptized, Lois, daughter of John Richards, by her own desire

Oct^r 4th Baptized, of the Children of Ensⁿ Nath^l Hayes, at a Lecture; Nabby, Wife of Thomas Downs Jun^r Sons, Ezra, & Zenus; Dughters, besides, Nabby, above recorded, Sabra, Hannah, & Lucinda.

Oct^r 7th John, Son to John Haven

April 15th 1811 Mary Elisabeth, Daughter of Joseph Hanson of Durham

June 9th Judith Almira, Daughter of Nath^l Upham Esq^r

August 22^d Lucy Elvira, Daughter of Joseph Clark Esq^r

Sept^r 29th Anna, Wife to Paul Downs

Oct^r 13th Hannah & Jonas Children of Paul Downs James, Son of Tho^s Downs Jun^r

Jan^r 22^d 1812 Ephraim Hammet upon a bed of Sickness & danger, upon his declaring his repentance & faith in Jesus Christ, & trust in his merits for eternal Life.

March 10th Baptized Thomas Plumer, 72 Years of age, he being much out of health; upon his professing his faith in Jesus Christ, his repentance, & resolution to lead a pious & holy life So long as he lives.

Nov^r 2^d Baptized Noah Horn of Farmington, upon his professing his Faith in Jesus Christ, & his gospel & resolution to lead a christian & holy life.

Dec^r 3^d Easter, Abigail, Rebecca, and Mary, Daughters of Noah Horn Baptized, Jonathan, Son of Noah Horn, with the above Daughters of Said Horn Baptized, Mary Aun, & Tryphena Berry, Daughters of Lieut James Pickering Jun^r of Rochester

July 4th 1813 Baptized, John Burnham, Son of Joseph Hanson, of Durham. Baptized, Mary Wingate, Daughter of Pierce P. Furbur of Farmington.

July 14th Baptized, Deborah, Wife of W^m Palmer Esq^r of Milton upon a Sick bed.

August 25th Baptized Joanna, Wife of Thomas Davis, when She was Sick, of Farmington.

August 26th Baptized, Mary Esther, Charles William, Jeremiah Hall, & Sarah Tebbets, Children of Jeremiah H. Woodman

June 19th 1814 Baptized, Molly Perkins, Daughter of Paul Downs
 Jan^r 22^d 1815 Samuel Augustus, Son of John Parker Hale Esq^r
 May 12th Henry, Son of John P. Hale Esq^r
 Sep^t 4th Baptized Theodore Chase, Son of Jeremiah H. Woodman
 June 11th Baptized, Nathaniel Hayes, Son of Tho^s Downs
 Feb^r 18th 1816 Baptized, Ruth Cogswell, Daughter of Nath^l Upham Esq^r
 June 23^d Baptized, Ely, Son of Paul Downs
 Oct^r 27th Baptized in Kinsington, N. H. the Son of a Widow Woman, by the name of, Benjamin Cram,
 June 8th 1817 Baptized, Sarah Jane, Daughter of Jeremiah H. Woodman Esq^r
 May 24th 1818 Francis William, Son of Nath^l Upham Esq^r Baptized by Rev^d Asa Piper of Wakefield
 July 5. Rev. Isaac Jones Baptised a child of Jeremiah H. Woodman Esq^r by the name of Harriet Crosby.
 August 28th Elisabeth, Wife of Eli Sumner Susanna, & Martha Thomas, Eli, and Charles children of Moses Brown
 Nov^r 1st Elisabeth Tripte, Daughter of Tho^s Downs Jun^r
 March 30th 1819 Tamma, Wife of W^m Hurd upon her confession of Faith in Christ Jesus (upon a Sick bed)
 May 9th Ann Elisabeth. Daughter of John Haven
 July 4th Baptized Lydia, Wife of Jonas C. March Esq^r
 Nov^r 21st baptized, Albert, Son of Nath^l Upham Esq^r
 June 11th 1820 Baptized Maria Barker, Daughter of J. H. Woodman Esq^r
 Dec^r 2^d 1821 Baptized Charlotte Cheever, Daughter of J. H. Woodman Esq^r
 March 3^d 1822 Baptized Sarah, Wife of Trustrum Hard upon a Sick Bed, upon her confession of repentance of her Sins, her faith in Jesus Christ as her only Saviour, & resolution, thro' divine grace, to pay a ready & chearful abedience to his gospel.
 July 21st Baptized, Benjamin Corson, before his being received into the Church
 July 28th Baptized, Benajah, Son of Benajah Ricker
 June 15th 1823 Baptized Lois, Wife of Tobias Twombly before being received into the Church

Baptisms Since the ordination of the Rev^d Thomas C Upham July 16th 1823

August 3^d Mr Buzzel, by the name of John Burnham The widow Adams, by the name of Elisabeth

Both the above made a publick profession of their faith in Christ.

August 10th Abigail, Wife of Samuel Chamberlain, [by Mr Haven

August 12th Moses, Mary, Enoch Lydia, & Sarah,—Children of Samuel & Abigail Chamberlain—

Note. The above children upon their assenting to the confession of faith.]

The lines in brackets are in the hand of Mr. Upham.

MARRIAGES AS RECORDED BY MR. HAVEN.

AD 1776 Feb^r 29th Robart Walker with Dorothy Leighton, both of Rochester
 March 7th Joseph Tucker with Abigail Heard, both of Rochester
 May 23^d James Place with Esther Varney both of Rochester
 June 6th James Allen with Mercy Garland both of Rochester
 June 22^d W^m Whitiker with Sally Hoit, both of Berwick,—by Licence
 June 23^d Elihu Wentworth with Lois Pinkham both of Rochester
 Sept^r 23^d Mark Harford with Mary Corson both of Rochester
 Nov^r 6th Simon Torr of Dover with Sarah Ham of Rochester
 Dec^r 26th John Tebbets with Jean Heard both of Rochester

- AD 1777 Jan^r 14th Abraham Cook of Rochester with Abigail Twombly of Somersworth
- Jan^r 30th Isaac Wentworth with Abigail Nutter both of Rochester
- Feb^r 13th Joshua Allen with Martha Varney both of Rochester
- May 22^d Lieut Sam^l Nute with the Widow Sarah Welch both of Rochester
- August 3^d Robert Cook with Elisabeth Goodwin both of Somersworth
- Oct^r 16th Caleb Wakeham with Sarah Clements both of Rochester
- Nov^r 24th Joseph Cook of Somersworth with Anna Young of Rochester
- Dec^r 17th Ephraim Tebbets with Eunice Tibbets both of Rochester
- Dec^r 18th Benj. Furbur with Deborah Tebbets both of Rochester
- 1778 Jan^r 26th Richard Tripe of Kittery with Elizabeth Gage of Dover
- Jan^r 29th David Jennes with Sarah Jennes both of Rochester
- Feb^r 26th James Wille with Kezia Leighton both of Durham
- April 8th Tobias Ricker with Susannah Richardson both of Rochester
- Sept^r 18th John Barber with Elisabeth Locke both of Barrington.
- Nov^r 19th John Nute Jun^r With Hannah Place both of Rochester
- Nov^r 30th Joseph Plummer with Hannah Bickford both of Rochester
- Dec^r 15th Edward Rollins with Anna Wentworth, both of Rochester.
- Dec^r 17th James Chamberlain with Phebe Jackson, both of Rochester
- Dec^r 22^d Joseph Thompson Jun^r with Lydia Green both of Rochester
- Dec^r — Joseph Bickford with Dorcas Ellis both of Rochester
- 1779 March 18th John Ham with Mary Dam both of Rochester
- June 28th — Benj. Babb of Barrington with Hannah Furbur of Rochester
- July 29th John Bickford with Elisabeth Pearl, both of Rochester
- August 10th — Ebenezer Garland Jun^r with Lydia Jackson, both of Rochester.
- August 26 John Rollings with Elisabeth Leighton both Rochester
- Sept^r 5th John Wille with Mercy Cook, both of Somersworth.
- Sept^r 28^h James Rogers with Susannah Pinkham both of Rochester
- Oct^r 5th Moses Hayes Jun^r of Rochester with Dolly Wingate of Madbury
- Oct^r 14th Moses Downs with Elisabeth Trickey both of Rochester.
- Nov^r 4th Amos Place with Olive Knight both of Rochester
- Nov^r 25th William Wingate with Deborah Buzzel both of Rochester. Joshua Peavey with Mary Buzzel both of New Durham
- Dec^r 3^d Jonathan Cook of Wakefield with Sarah Downing of Rochester.
- Dec^r 12th Daniel Calef with Anna Scribner both of Rochester.
- Dec^r 15th Enoch Hayes with Sasanna Knowles both of Rochester.
- Dec^r 24th James Colman of Rochester with Dorcas Wentworth of Somersworth
- 1780 Jan^r 26th W^m Rogers of the Gore with Mary Chamberlain of Rochester
- Jan^r 27th Stephen Starbord with Lydia Nayler both of Rochester
- Feb^r 2^d Jason Chamberlain with Mary Brewster both of Rochester
- Feb^r 14th Timothy Ricker with Lois Plummer both of Rochester Jonathan Young with Sarah Desethering, he of Middleton She of Somersworth
- Feb^r 17th Joseph Ellis of Middleton with Hannah Perkins of Rochester
- March 9th Ephraim Trickey with Lucy Cook both of Rochester
- March 21th Moses Jennes of Rochester with Abigail Berry of Barrington Ebenezer Horn with Lydia Canny both of Somersworth
- April 3^d John Stanton with Susanna Knight both of Rochester
- April 13th Matthias Welch with Rachel Pearl both of Rochester
- June 4th W^m Horn of Dover with Lucy Thompson of Rochester
- June 22^d Samuel Tuttle with Martha Varney both of Somersworth
- July 13th Isaiah Foss with Mary Dow both of Barrington
- August 22^d Moses Babb with Meribah Lock both of Barrington
- Sept^r 7th Beard Plummer with Susanna Ham both of Rochester
- Oct^r 7th Zebulon Durgan of Durham with Lettice Stillson of New Durham
- Dec^r 6th Ebenezer Hanson of Madbury, with Patience Varney of Rochester
- 1781 Jan^r 11th John Place Jun^r with Patience Downing both of Rochester
- Feb^r 20th David Jennes with Lucy Page both of Rochester

Febr 22^d David Corson with Mary M^dDurfee both of Rochester
 April 12th Sam^l Lord of Berwick with Abigail Allen of Rochester
 May 21st John Tucker of Kittery with Phebe Heard of Rochester
 August 16th Sam^l Wentworth of Somersworth with Mary Berry of Rochester
 Haniel Clark with Judith Berry both of Rochester
 Sept^r 20th John Allen with Mary Clark, both of Rochester
 Nov^r 15th Daniel Horn with Charity Place, both of Rochester
 AD 1782 Febr 5th Joshua Hayes with Hannah Lock both of Barrington
 Febr 28th John Myrick with Elisabeth Palmer both of Rochester
 March 7th Sam^l Roberts of Berwick with Lydia Tebbets of Rochester
 March 12th Benj. Varney With Joanna Ham both of Rochester
 March 21st Silas Tebbets with Sarah Heard, both of Rochester
 May 9th Jonathan Heard with Sarah Yetton, both of Rochester
 June 19th Joseph Hodgdon of Wakefield with Charity Dame of Rochester
 August 1st John Roberts with Ruth Rogers both of Rochester
 August 3^d Philip Jackson with Mary Place both of Rochester
 Oct^r 8th Robert Evens with the Wid^w Hannah Heard both of Rochester
 Oct^r 31st Ebenezer Hayes with Phebe Huckins both of Barrington
 Nov^r 21st Samuel Hayes of Barrington with Sarah Pearl of Rochester
 Nov^r 28th John Willey Jun^r with Tamsin Gray both of Barrington Stephen
 Brock with Elisabeth Berry both of Barrington Richard Foss with Marcy Berry
 both of Barrington Timothy Roberts Jun^r with Elisabeth Hayes both of Roch-
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Febr 6th 1783 Ephraim Holmes with Mary Hall both of Barrington
 Febr 27th Samuel Foss, Tertius with Sarah Junkins both of Barrington
 May 8th Benj. French of New-Market with Mary Harford of Rochester
 May 22^d John Huckens of Barrington with Mary Pearl of Rochester
 Oct^r 13th W^m Wentworth Lord of Berwick with Mary Allen of Rochester
 Oct^r 16th James Marden Jun^r with Fredrica Scevey both of Barrington
 Oct^r 20th John Wentworth of Somersworth with Rebecca Horn of Rochester
 Nov^r 17th Joseph Pearl Jun^r with Catharine Clark both of Rochester
 Nov^r 27th Jedediah Tebbets with Dorothy Tebbets both of Rochester
 Dec^r 4th Ephraim Tebbets with Esther Tebbets both of Rochester
 Dec^r 16th Ezekiel Hayes with Margaret Foss both of Barrington
 Dec^r 25th W^m Palmer with Susannah Twombly both of Rochester
 1784 Jan^r 21st Abraham Pribble of Wolfsburg with Mary Cole of Rochester
 Febr 11th Joseph Holmes with Sarah Page, both of Rochester
 Febr 12th Nathan Webb Adams of Newington with Elisabeth Cole of Rochester
 Febr 26th Benj. Berry with Mary Foss both of Barrington
 April 20th Jonathan Leighton Jun^r With Mary Rogers both of Rochester
 April 21st Benj. Adams Esq^r of Newington with Susanna Brown of Rochester
 May 23^d Moses Chamberlain with Mary Nason both of Rochester
 July 29th Joseph Roberts with Betty Dame, both of Rochester
 Sept^r 30th Anthony Pevee with Betty Hammon both of Rochester
 Oct^r 7th Elijah Horn with Anna Corson both of Rochester
 Dec^r 9th Joseph Ricker with Sarah Trickey both of Rochester
 Dec^r 29th George Snell Hayes with Anna Hawkins both of Rochester
 1785 Jan^r 6th Timothy Heard with Mary Dame both of Rochester
 March 3^d William Henderson with Peggy Roberts, He of Dover, She of Roch-
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March 17th Gilbert French with Leah French both of Rochester
 March 24th Timothy Richardson with Anna Perkius both of Rochester
 June 3^d Moses Hayes Jun^r with Anna Coffin both of Rochester
 Sept^r 26th James Place with Abigail Hayes both of Rochester
 Oct^r 16th Benj. Palmer with Patty Harford both of Rochester
 Nov^r 8th Sam^l Allen with Sarah Ham both of Rochester
 Nov^r 17th Aaron Whitehouse of Rochester with Rebekah Otis of Barrington

Nov^r 30th Abraham Chamberlin & Sarah White both of the Gore
 Dec^r 1st Nehemiah Kimball & Mary Goodwin both of Rochester
 1786 Jan^r 4th Jotham Twombly with Lydia Barber both of Rochester
 Jan^r 5th John M. Place with Sarah Twombly both of Rochester.
 Jan^r 15th Jeremiah Dow of New Durham with Elisabeth Perkins of Rochester
 Jan^r 17th Jonathan Place with Mary Dearing both of Rochester
 Jan^r 19th W^m Murry of Berwick with Elisabeth Tebbets of Rochester
 Jan^r 22^d Deaⁿ Sam^l Plummer with Abigail Tebbets both of Rochester Sam^l
 Palmer with Anna Garland both of Rochester
 March 8th William Wille with Anna Moody both of Middletown
 March 23^d Simon Doe of Washington with Mary Weymouth of Rochester
 Nath^l Bartlet Doe of Washington with Sarah Weymouth of Rochester
 April 5th James Nutter with Elisabeth Heard both of Rochester
 May 25th Janvrin Fisher with Sally Gage both of Dover
 August 3^d Joseph Seeva of Conway with Hannah Seeva of Rochester John
 Ham with Esther Merrow both of Dover
 August 24th Ezekiel Ricker with Rebecca Whitehouse both of Rochester
 Sept^r 3^d Moses Hanson with Abbot both of Berwick
 Sept^r 14th Eleazer Ham with Lucy Jenness both of Rochester Richard Rundlet
 with Rachel Horn both of Rochester
 Sept^r 28th Jonathan Leighton with Lucy Place both of Rochester
 Nov^r 16th David Wingate with Lydia Tebbets both of Rochester Lemuel Ma-
 son of Barnstead with Molly Chamberlain of New Durham Gore
 Nov^r 23^d John Palmer with Dorothy Perkins both of Rochester Nath^l Johnson
 with Mary Bickford both of Rochester
 Nov^r 30th Ephraim Horn with Molly Wentworth both of Somersworth
 Dec^r 21st Dearborn Jewett with Mary Furbur both of Rochester
 May 3^d 1787 Anthony Rollins with Abigail Heard both of Rochester
 May 10th Meshech Robinson with Esther Perkins both of Rochester
 June 7th James Varney of Dover with Martha Wentworth of Rochester
 July 19th Cap^t Dan^l McDuffee of Rochester with Betty Nock of Dover
 Oct^r 11th Eleazer Hodgdon with Elisabeth Leighton both of Rochester
 Oct^r 25th Stephen Twombly, of Rochester with Betty Hanson of Somersworth
 Nov^r 8th Stephen Wentworth Jun^r with Olive Rollings both of Rochester
 Joshua Hayes with Deborah Brown both of Rochester
 Nov^r 11th John Brewster of Barrington with Abiah Brewster of Rochester
 Nov^r 15th Richard Dame Jun^r with Hannah McDuffee Both of Rochester
 Nov^r 19th Sam^l Bickford with Charity Heard both of Rochester
 Nov^r 22^d John Place Jun^r With Lydia Garland both of Rochester
 Nov^r 29th Silas Dame with Abigail Watson both of Rochester Paul Place with
 Judith Brown both of Rochester
 1788 Jan^r 10th James McDuffee Jun^r with Mehetabel Corson both of Rochester
 Jan^r 17th Benj. Hanson of Somersworth with Lydia Twombly of Rochester.
 Michael Runnels with Sarah Dame both of Rochester.
 Feb^r 26th Jeremiah Dearbon with Betty Copp both of Wakefield.
 March 23^d Josiah Hall of Conway with Susannah Place of Rochester
 March 27th David Morrison with Mary Kimball both of Rochester
 April 2^d Clement Hayes with Joanna Wentworth both of Rochester
 April 5th Moses Downs with Sarah Tripe both of Rochester
 April 6th Moses Mighls of Parsonsfield with Elisabeth Page of Rochester
 April 8th Andrew Hayes of Barrington with Sarah McDuffee Rochester.
 May 25th Winthrop Nutter With Charity Meder both of Rochester
 June 8th Daniel Horn of Somersworth with Relief Roberts of Rochester
 June 9th Moses Horn Jun^r with Mary Wingate both of Rochester
 Sept^r 24th Sam^l Knowles with the Widow Sarah Nute both of Rochester
 Oct^r 2^d Dan^l Page Jun^r with Judith Whitehouse both of Rochester.
 Oct^r 16th Stephen Tebbets with Mehetabal Tebbets both of Rochester

- Oct^r 28th Joshua Merrow with Peggy Garland both of Rochester
 Nov^r 19th John Bickford 3^d with Sally Nutter both of Rochester
 Nov^r 26th W^m Leighton of Rochester with Mary Pottle of New Durham Gore
 Nov^r 27th Levi Pickering with Abigail Downs both of Rochester
 Dec^r 4th Tobias Hanson of Somersworth with Molly Roberts of Rochester
 Dec^r 11th Stephen Rogers with Hannah Hammond both of Rochester
 1789 Jan^r 1st Amos Hodgdon with Elisabeth Ham both of Rochester Nath^l
 Whitehouse of Lebanon with Miriam Ellis of Rochester
 Jan^r 15th Joshua Nutter Rollings with Hannah Heard both of Rochester
 Feb^r 24th Dudley Garland with Polly Heard both of Rochester
 March 12th Dan^l Brewster Jun^r with Mary Hayes both of Rochester
 March 26th John Tanner with Rebeckah Richardson both of Rochester
 April 1st Joseph Pottle with Sarah Wentworth both of Rochester
 May 14th Shadrach Ham of Barrington with Elizabeth Mills of Rochester
 Richard Nutter Jun^r with Dorothy Place both of Rochester
 June 3^d Tho^s Varney with Margaret Meader both of Rochester
 June 11th Benj. Wingate with Olive Heard both of Rochester
 June 25th Elijah Hussey of Dover with Jane Bickford of Rochester
 July 19th Silas Roberts with Sarah Davis both of New Durham Gore
 July 23^d Moses Place with Susanna Downing both of Rochester
 Sept^r 3^d Paul Austin with Lydia Downing both of Rochester
 Sept^r 13th James Chesley Hayes with Betty Twombly both of Rochester
 Oct^r 1st W^m Hill of Barrington with Hannah Hodgdon of Rochester
 Oct^r 16th Tho^s Varney 3^d with Susanna Tebbets both of Rochester
 Oct^r 25th Hate-evil Knight with Polly Bryant both of Rochester
 Nov^r 8th David Wallingford with Sarah Corson both of Rochester.
 Nov^r 12th Job Hussey of Somersworth with Elisabeth Downs of Rochester
 Nov^r 25th Jonathan Richards Jun^r with Mary Horn both of Rochester
 Nov^r 26th Stephen Clark with Sarah Pearl both of Rochester
 Dec^r 31st James Ham of Barrington with Esther Copp of Rochester
 1790 Jan^r 7th Jonathan Place with Lydia Leighton both of Rochester
 Feb^r 16th Tho^s Wentworth of Somersworth with Molly Roberts of Berwick
 Feb^r 18th Lieut Benj. Kielle of Dover with Sarah Flagg of Rochester
 Feb^r 24th Nath^l Pinkham of Rochester with Rebecca Knock of Dover Elisha
 Jennes with Huldah Drown both of Rochester
 Feb^r 25th Nath^l Garland of Somersworth with Hannah Witherell of Rochester
 Ephraim Plummer with Anna Mc^dDuffee both of Rochester.
 June 10th James Worster of New Durham Gore with Hannah Dore of Dover
 June 16th Benj. Bickford of Ossapee Gore with Kezia Heard of Rochester
 Oct^r 14th Joseph Chamberlain with Hannah Davis both of New Durham Gore
 Nov^r 7th Benj. H. Evens with Mary Varney both of Rochester
 Nov^r 25th Eben^r Varney Jun^r Mary Jennes both of Rochester
 Dec^r 2^d Dummer Farnum of Shapleigh with Dorothy Heard of Rochester
 Dec^r 9th Simon Dame with Margaret Hayes both of Rochester
 Dec^r 21st Eben^r Twombly with Dorothy Wentworth both of Rochester
 Dec^r 22^d Paul Chamberlain of New Durham Gore with Olive Berry of New
 Durham
 Dec^r 23^d James Wentworth with Deborah Weymouth both of Rochester
 1791 Jan^r 12th Stephen Pierce with Dorcas Garland both of Rochester
 Jan^r 25th Jonathan Flagg with Mary Ham both of Rochester
 Jan^r 27th Timothy Gerrish with Elisabeth Spencer both of Rochester
 Feb^r 14th Ephraim Ham with Elisabeth Ham both of Dover
 March 10th Ichabod Wentworth of Rochester with Kezia Cook of Somersworth
 April 14th John Brewster Jun^r with Abigail Place both of Rochester
 June 26th Hezekiah Cloutman with Abigail Card both of Rochester
 June 30th Jonathan Wentworth Jun^r With Elisabeth Kimball both of Rochester
 July 14th Anthony Whitehouse with Elisabeth Varney both of Rochester

July 21st Ephraim Plummer Jun^r with Judith Perkins both of Dover Barnabas
 Palmer Jun^r with Mary Place both of Rochester
 July 26th Sam^l Bragdon of Shapleigh with Mehetabel Hanscom of Rochester
 July 28th Jon^a McDuffee of New Durham Gore with Lois Tasker of Barnstead
 August 16^h James Buchannon with Elisabeth Heard both of Rochester
 Oct^r 6th Nath^l Horn of Dover with Jane McDuffee of Rochester
 Oct^r 18th Paul Ellis of Rochester with Sarah Hubbard of Berwick
 Nov^r 6th Reuben Hanson of Middletown with Hannah Trickey of Rochester
 Nov^r 10th James Roberts with Molly Leighton both of New-Durham-Gore
 Nov^r 16th John Ricker of Somersworth with Elisabeth Pinkham of Rochester
 Jonathan Watson with Nancy Leighton both of Rochester
 Nov^r 24th Clement Libbey with Phebe Tebbets both of Rochester Stephen
 Whitehouse with Lois Downing both of Rochester
 Dec^r 1st Jacob Hayes of Rochester with Sarah More of Dover
 March 4th 1792 George Berry of Barrington with Sarah Forst of Rochester
 May 3^d Jonathan Heard Jun^r with Hannah Jennes both of Rochester
 May 15th Isaac Peari with Jane Tucker both of Rochester
 June 21st Joseph Fogg Esq^r of Ossipee with Abigail Wentworth of Rochester
 July 26th Sam^l Goodel with Susanna Rand both of Rochester
 Sept^r 5^h Moses Downs with Mercy Robinson both of Rochester Josiah Nute
 with Rebecca Nute both of Rochester Stephen Wille of Dover with Temperance
 Rollings of Rochester
 Sept^r 20th John Lock of Barrington with Abigail Page of Rochester.
 Oct^r 4th John Roberts with Abigail Jones both of Rochester
 Oct^r 14th Robert Knight with Susanna Kimball both of Rochester
 Nov^r 18th John Sherburne of Wakefield with Mary Twombly of Rochester
 Dec^r 3^d John Downs & Sarah Door of Rochester married
 Dec^r 27th W^m Jennes Jun^r with Mary Downing both of Rochester
 1793. Jan^r 1st Dudley Burham with Sarah Wentworth both of Rochester
 Jan^r 14th Joseph Hanes with Temperance Hoyt both of Rochester
 Jan^r 21th John McDuffee Jun^r with Elisabeth Fitz-Gerald both of Rochester
 Feb^r 20th Benj. Downing with Tryphena Knowles both of Rochester
 Feb^r 21st Alexander Whitehouse with Sarah Willard both of Rochester
 April 8th John Plummer 3^d with Sarah Perkins both of Rochester
 May 30th Valentine Langley of Durham with Rebekah Trickey of Rochester
 July 14th Penuel Chamberlain of New-Durham Gore with Molly Randal of
 Madbury
 Sept^r 19th Dan^l Wentworth with Patience Wentworth both of Rochester
 Oct^r 1st John Varney with Mary Wentworth both of Rochester
 Oct^r 7th Daniel Hanson of Buxton (Massachusetts) * with Molly Hanson of
 Somersworth
 Oct^r 11th John Nutter and Hannah Hayes both of Rochester Richmond Hen-
 derson with Mercy Varney both of Rochester
 Oct^r 24th Jacob Wallingford with Abigail Clark both of Rochester
 Nov^r 7th Stephen Brewster with Sarah Knight both of Rochester
 Nov^r 20th David French Jun^r with Abigail Roberts both of Rochester
 Dec^r 2^d W^m Ripley with Lydia Garland both of Rochester
 Dec^r 5th Isaac Bickford of Rochester with Comfort Chamberlain of New-Dur-
 ham Gore Ephraim Chamberlain Jun^r with Mary Davis of New-Durham Gore
 Dec^r 26th Enoch Wentworth with Jane Leighton both of Rochester
 1794 Jan^r 2^d Enoch Wingate with Mary Meserve both of Rochester
 Feb^r 4th John Wentworth 3^d with Mary Roe both of Rochester
 Feb^r 27th Jacob McDuffee with Abigail Flagg both of Rochester
 May 16th Hanson Libbey with Lydia Wallingford both of Rochester
 May 28th Eben^r Wentworth with Elisabeth Hayes both of Rochester

* Doubtless Maine, which then belonged to Massachusetts.

- June 19th John Caverly with Sarah Varney both of Rochester Elisha Allen
 with Polly Philbrick both of Wakefield
 July 6th Ephraim Perkins 3^d with Elisabeth Plummer both of Rochester
 July 8th Tristram Copp of 'Tufton-boro' with Priscilla Bickford of Rochester
 Sept^r 14th Moses Harford of Dover with Hannah Forst of Rochester
 Oct^r 2^d Eben^r Pearl with Sarah Jennes both of Rochester
 Oct^r 16th Jacob Sanbourn of Middletown with Betty Richards of Rochester
 Nov^r 9th Benj. Evens Jun^r with Betsey Place, both of Rochester.
 Nov^r 12th Nath^l Whitehouse with Nancy Leighton both of Rochester.
 Nov^r 13th Jacob Horn with Abigail Twombly both of Rochester.
 Nov^r 16th John Tebbets with Susanna Plummer both of Rochester
 Nov^r 27th Nicholas Varney with Jane Heard both of Rochester
 1795 Jan^r 22^d Francis Meder with Elisabeth Whitehouse both of Rochester
 Febr^r 8th Dan^l Hanes with Mary Hoit both of Rochester
 Febr^r 12th Dan^l Kimball with Sarah Jones both of Rochester John Roberts
 with Betsey Torr both of Rochester
 Febr^r 19th Timothy Dame with Betsey Lock both of Rochester.
 April 23^d Enoch Tebbets with Anna Roberts both of Rochester Richard Nut-
 ter 3^d with Mary Wentworth both of Rochester
 May 4th Dan^l Baker of Somersworth with Betsy Clements of Rochester
 July 5th Benj. Furbur with Kezia Ash both of Rochester
 July 16th Dan^l Hayes 3^d with Olive French both of Rochester
 July 30th Paul Horn with Elisabeth Stephens both of Rochester
 Sept^r 6th Meshech Libbey of Eaton with Lydia Heard of Rochester
 Sept^r 10th Tristram Bickford with Elisabeth Drown both of Rochester
 Sept^r 13th Jonas Clark March with Sally Wingate both of Rochester
 Sept^r 24th Robert Mathes with Polly Meserve both of Rochester Joshua Wig-
 gin of Rochester with Mary Wentworth of Somersworth
 Oct^r 11th Joseph Corson with Abra Horn both of Rochester John French with
 Sarah Treserin both of Rochester
 Nov^r 1st David Leighton Jun^r with Anna Watson both of Rochester
 Nov^r 12th Nath^l Ham with Abigail Downing both of Rochester
 Nov^r 15th Oliver Peavy with Patience Young both of Rochester
 Dec^r 31st Moses Horn Jun^r with Alice Furbur both of Rochester
 1796 Febr^r 4th Benj. Jones with Leah Berry both of Rochester
 Febr^r 8th Tho^s Hanscom with Hannah Clark both of Rochester
 March 24th Stephen French with Polly Pinkham both of Rochester
 April 7th Stephen Nutter with Abigail Wentworth both of Rochester
 April 10th Isaac Horn of Dover with Mary Adams of Rochester
 May 26th George Colebath with Mary Knight both of Rochester
 August 18th John Cator, of Barrington with Susanna Holmes of Rochester
 Sept^r 19th William Conner of Dover with Betsy Rollins of Rochester
 Oct^r 2^d Paul Dame with Phebe Mathes both of Rochester
 Oct^r 6th Benj. Harford with Dorothy Harford both of Rochester
 Nov^r 10th Ichabod Hayes Jun^r with Deborah French both of Rochester Enoch
 Wentworth with Anna Young both of Rochester
 Nov^r 13th Eben^r French with Abigail Walker both of Rochester James Ran-
 with Olive Horn both of Rochester
 Nov^r 14th Dennis Hoyt with Jane Wentworth both of Rochester
 Nov^r 16th John Rannels with Mary Horn both of Rochester
 Nov^r 17th Enoch Willand with Easher Cloutman both of Rochester
 Dec^r 1st Theodore Hodgdon with Betsey Ham both of Rochester
 1797 Jan^r 1st Eben^r Tebbets with Peace Hubbard both of Rochester
 Jan^r 3^d Theodore Ham with Dorothy Allen both of Rochester
 Febr^r 26th Dudley Palmer with Abigail Pickering both of Rochester
 April 2^d Paul Libbey with Hannah Tebbets both of Rochester
 April 13th Benj Trickey with Olive Hussey both of Rochester

May 11th James Waldron with Betsey Pickering both of Rochester
 August 3^d James Downs with Betsey Hayes both of Rochester
 August 6th Paul Horn of Alton with Susannah Nute of Rochester
 Sept^r 7th Shadrach Heard with Lydia Hoyt both of Rochester
 Oct^r 24th Elihu Hayes of Lebanon with Betsey Hayes of Rochester
 Nov^r 8th Eben^r Ricker of Shapleigh with Judith Witherall of Rochester
 Nov^r 9th Nath^l Rand with Betsey Hanson both of Rochester
 Nov^r 14th Frederick Cate with Lydia Scates both of Rochester.
 1798 Jan^r 4th Enoch Burham with Sarah Libbey both of Rochester
 Jan^r 15th John Cloutman of Wakefield with Hannah Folsom of Rochester
 Jan^r 21st Benj. Tebbets with Betsey Walker both of Rochester
 March 4th Joseph Hanson with Charity Dame both of Rochester
 March 13th Moses Young with Mehetabel Varney both of Rochester
 March 22^d Jeremiah Cook with Hannah Wentworth both of Rochester
 April 18th Nathan Hodgdon with Molly Furbur both of Rochester
 April 26th John Hanson of Dover with Susanna Knight of Rochester
 May 7th John Twombly Jun^r with Abigail Meserve both of Rochester
 May 24th Lemuel Meder with Polly Kimball both of Rochester
 June 3^d Andrew Door of Lebanon with Margaret Serjeant of Rochester
 June 10th Ephraim Hammet with Mary Hayes of Rochester
 June 21st Stephen Jennes with Sarah Bussel both of Rochester
 July 1st Samuel Ham with Betsey Bickford both of Rochester
 Sept^r 6th Daniel Ham with Susanna Ham both of Rochester Isaac Hanson
 with Mary Jones both of Rochester
 Sept^r 20th James Tebbets with Molly Nutter both of Rochester
 Sept^r 25th Mark Read of Rochester with Alice Nutter of New-Durham
 Elisha Pike of Rochester with Sarah Hanson of Dover
 Oct^r 15th Joseph Hodgdon with Polly Roberts both of Rochester
 Nov^r 1st Moses Whitehouse with Mary Page both of Rochester Jonathan
 Henderson with Sally Hodgdon both of Rochester
 Nov^r 25th John Scates with Mary Worster both of Rochester
 Dec^r 27th Wentworth Cook with Mehetabel Roberts both of Rochester
 1799 Febr 21st Samuel Jones Jun^r with Mehetabel Burnham both of Farm-
 ington
 Febr 28th Benj. Twombly of Lancaster with Judith Twombly of Rochester
 March 5th Edmond Crocket with Abigail Davis both of Alton.
 March 10th Benj. Adams with Betsey Horn both of Rochester
 April 18th Tristram Garland of Farmington with Elisabeth Roberts of Roch-
 ester
 May 9th Richard Horn with Lucy Scates both of Rochester
 May 30th Tho^s Downs with Rebecca Roberts both of Rochester
 June 6th John Palmer with Betsey Ellis both of Rochester
 June 13th Joseph Tebbets Jun^r with Sarah Roberts both of Rochester
 June 16th Josiah Main Jun^r with Betsey Harford both of Rochester
 July 3^d Thomas Stephens of Lebanon with Abigail Ash of Farmington
 July 4th Moses Canney Esq^r of Madbury with Susanna Perkins of Rochester
 Nov^r 3^d Dan^l Tasker of Alton with Sally Randall of Rochester
 Nov^r 28th Jeremiah Horn Jun^r of Dover with Abigail Tebbets of Rochester
 W^m Heard with Mary Garland both of Rochester James Clark of Barrington
 with Elisath McNeal of Rochester
 1800 March 6th Jonathan Jennes of Barrington with Betsey Randal of Roch-
 ester.
 April 17th Paul Downs with Anna Clark both of Rochester
 July 3^d Samuel Bracket with Susanna Brown both of Rochester
 August 21st Adam Perkins with Nancy Read both of Rochester
 Sept^r 1st Silas Goodwin, of Berwick with Anna Clements of Dover
 Sept^r 21st John Brown with Nancy Harford both of Rochester

- Sept^r 30th David McDuffee of Rochester with Abigail Waldron of Dover
 Oct^r 19th John Lock of Farmington with Mercy Dame of Rochester
 Oct^r 23^d Joseph Lancton with Mercy Corson both of Rochester
 Nov^r 2^d Shadrach Pirkins with Bridget Harford both of Dover
 Nov^r 16th David Evans with Betsey Clark both of Rochester
 Dec^r 4th Sam^l Nelson Nutter with Sally Coldbath both of Farmington
 Dec^r 8th Dan^l Quimby of Rochester with Susanna Murray of Farmington
 Dec^r 11th James Garland with Abigail Jennes both of Rochester
 Dec^r 25th Stephen Place with Elisabeth Chesley both of Rochester Ezra
 Brock of Barrington with Sally Evans of Rochester
 Jan^r 8th 1801 Eleazer Pearl of Farmington with Sarah Ellis of Rochester
 March 12th Sam^l Chamberlain Jun^r with Abigail Roberts both of Rochester
 March 17th Reuben Hanniford with Sarah Richards both of Rochester
 April 2^d Hezekiah Hayes of Farmington with Sally Hayes of Rochester
 Samuel C Jones Jun^r with Sally Hodgdon both of Farmington
 April 19th Joseph Sherbourne with Polly Alley both of Rochester
 April 25th Silas Dame with Lucy Ricker both of Rochester
 May 21st Sam^l Emerson Furbur with Nancy Leighton both of Farmington.
 May 26th Stephen Nute with Anna Furbush both of Rochester
 May 28th Miles Chesley of New Durham with Polly Furbur of Farmington.
 May 31st William Tebbets with Mary Pike both of Rochester
 June 3^d Joseph Copp with Lydia Wentworth both of Rochester
 August 2^d Ensⁿ John Trickey with Mary Kimbal both of Rochester
 August 16th Paul Ham with Polly Place both of Rochester
 Sept^r 3^d Paul Kimball of Rochester with Lois Knight of Farmington
 Sept^r 20^h Jeremiah Berry of Rye with Dorothy Emerson of Dover; He
 aged 77, She 70, Tobias Twombly Jun^r with Lois Wentworth both of Roch-
 ester Temple Hoyt with Betsey Heard both of Rochester
 Sept^r 22^d Moses Bickford with Lydia Richards both of Dover
 Oct^r 15th Livi Jones with Betsey Plummer both of Rochester Tho^s Chesly
 with Elisabeth Brewster both of Rochester
 Nov^r 12th James Horn with Polly Chesly both of Rochester
 Nov^r 19th Joseph Jones Jun^r of Farmington with Lydia McDuffee of Roch-
 ester
 Dec^r 18th John Downs of Farmington with Polly Torr of Rochester
 Jan^r 24th 1802 Stephen Tebbets of Philipsburgh with Ruth Tebbets of
 Rochester
 Jan^r 28th Dan^l Clark of Exeter with Rachel Wiggin of Rochester
 Feb^r 18th William Pickering with Abigail Calef both of Rochester David
 Wiggin with Rebecca Garland both of Farmington
 March 4th James Mordough of Wakefield with Temperance Wentworth of
 Rochester
 March 11th Israel Whitehouse with Olive Varney both of Rochester
 March 15th Meshach Heard with Patience Odiorne both of Rochester
 Noah Horn with Sarah Wentworth both of Farmington
 April 5th John French with Polly Libbey, both of Farmington Doctor
 Benj. Libbey with Sukey Demerit both of Farmington
 April 22^d Shubal Roberts with Rose Tuttle both of Rochester. Joseph
 Berry with Polly Berjin both of Rochester
 April 25th Joseph Palmer of Rochester with Mary Hanson of Dover
 June 25th Josiah Wentworth Jun^r with Rose Horn both of Rochester
 July 11th Joshua Chamberlain of Portland with Hannah Brown of Roch-
 ester
 July 25th Elijah Varney Jun^r with Sarah Tebbets both of Rochester
 August 26th George Wentworth with Lydia Nute both of Milton
 Sept^r 23^d W^m Drew with Polly Nute both of Dover
 Oct^r 21st Daniel Wentworth with Miriam Wakeham both of Milton

- Oct^r 23th Jeremiah Jennes of Rochester with Molly Gray of Farmington
 Nov^r 13th Lieut. John McDuffee with Abigail Torr both of Rochester
 Nov^r 25th Benj. Hoyt with Peggy Downs both of Rochester
 Nov^r 27th Jon^a Clark Esq^r of Nothwood with M^{rs} Lilia Shaunon of Rochester
- Nov^r 28th Silas Varney with Esther Varney both of Rochester
 Dec^r 5th Theodore Monson of Milton with Anna Cloutman of Rochester
 Dec^r 16. Jacob Joy of Madbury with Alice Horn of Rochester
 Jan^r 16th 1803 Jeremy Whitehouse with Abigail York both of Rochester
 Jan^r 30th Josiah Smith of Newmarket with Relief Heard of Rochester
 Feb^r 3^d John Libbey of Wakefield with Sally Langly of Rochester
 Feb^r 16th Jedidiah Ricker with Sally Lord both of Milton
 March 20th Ichabod Hayes of Milton with Lydia Wentworth of Rochester
 April 4th John Bickford Jun^r of Rochester with Love Brown of Milton.
 April 14th Roberts Mathes with Sally Jones both of Milton
 May 1st Enoch Hoit Jun^r with Mercy Wentworth both of Rochester
 May 2^d Abraham Heard with Patty McDuffee both of Rochester
 June 13th Jeremy Young with Hannah or Anne Kimball both of Dover
 July 7th David Clark with Molly Twombly both of Rochester
 August 2^d James Goodrige of Berwick with Sally Twombly of Milton
 August 14th John Ham 3^d of Dover with Mercy Wentworth of Somersworth
- Sept^r 1st Joseph Chesley 3^d of Durham with Betsey Ham of Rochester
 Oct^r 23^d Thomas Downs Jun^r with Abigail Hayes both of Rochester
 Oct^r 27th W^m Warren of Farmington with Susanna Roberts of Rochester
 Nov^r 13th Joseph Corson with Lydia Ricker both of Milton James Calef with Lois Pickering both of Rochester
 Nov^r 17th Benj. Chesley Jun^r with Sally Horn both of Farmington Thanksgiving day
 Dec^r 8th Thomas Berry of Barrington with Molly Hodgdon of Rochester
 Dec^r 15th James Pickering Jun^r of Rochester with Mary Burnham of Farmington
 Jan^r 16th 1804 James Sayward of Shapleigh with Lydia Witherell of Rochester
- Jan^r 23^d Amaziah Lord of Berwick with Betsey Horn of Somersworth
 Feb^r 13th Andrew Peirce with Hannah G. Nason both of Rochester
 Feb^r 16th Dan^l Wingate with Dorothy Walker both of Farmington. Jon^a Downing with Hannah Richards both of Rochester.
 Feb^r 23^d Isaac Roberts with Allice Pinkham both of Farmington
 March 7th Joshua Rogers with Betsey Hanson both of Rochester
 March 15th John Pickering with Lydia Roach both of Newington
 March 29th Isaac Jennes with Mercy Wentworth both of Rochester
 April 16th John Haven with Nancy Dennett both of Rochester.
 April 26th Ephraim Garland with Abigail Henderson both of Rochester
 April 29th Benj. Read of Farmington with Abigail Holmes of Rochester
 May 30th Stephen Rollins with Polly Ricker both of Rochester
 June 3^d Cap^t Seth Spring of Biddeford With the Widow Anna Dearborn of Rochester
- June 28th Moses Twombly of Farmington with Sally Door of Rochester
 July 1st Ezekiel Hayes of Farmington with Polly Clark of Alton
 July 2^d James Roberts with Mercy Wentworth Both of Milton Solomon Place with Bildary or Belvedira Clapham both of Dover
 Sept^r 30th George Heard with Sally Tebbets both of Rochester
 Oct^r 21st Josiah Tucker with Betsey Henderson both of Rochester
 Dec^r 16th Vincent Torr of Dover with Sally Torr of Rochester
 1805. Jan^r 24th Joseph Drew of Alton with Leah Jones of Farmington
 Jan^r 31st Nath^l Jenkins of Milton with Sally Hammett of Rochester

- Feb^r 11th James Cook with Easter Rollins both of Rochester
 April 3^d Charles Pray of Lebanon with Hannah Hayes of Farmington
 July 9th Jonathan G. Footman with Sally Hodgdon both of Dover.
 August 29th Hatevil Knight with Mary McDuffee both of Rochester
 Sept^r 4th Aaron Downs Jun^r of Rochester with Rebecca Lord of Milton
 Oct^r 20th Reuben Heard Jun^r with Molly Varney both of Rochester
 Oct^r 31st Jon^a How with Mehetabel Twombly both of Milton
 Nov^r 3^d Richard Cross with the Widow Abigail Brewster both of Rochester
 Nov^r 17th Benj. Corson with Patty Ross, both of Rochester
 Nov^r 29th Richard Nutter Jun^r of Rochester with Temperance Rand of Somersworth
 Dec^r 8th Samuel Wiggin with Susanna Fisher, both of Dover
 Dec^r 25th Stephen Jenkins Jun^r of Milton with Ruth Howard of Dover
 1806 Jan^r 16th Levi Robinson with Martha Hanson both of Rochester
 Jan^r 30th Richard Chesley with Nancy Twombly both of Dover
 Feb^r 19th Beniah Colby with Rebecca Wentworth both of Milton
 Feb^r 27th Joel Bickford with Lydia Varney both of Rochester.
 March 2^d Jon^a Morrison with Elisabeth Shannon both of Rochester
 July 3^d Samuel Watson of Dover with Lydia Brown of Somersworth
 July 6th Joshua Trickey with Rebecca Tebbets both of Rochester
 Sept^r 14th Joseph Perkins with Elisabeth Gage, both of Dover
 Sept^r 25th Dan^l Hayes with Abigail Chesley, both of Rochester
 Sept^r 29th William Cushing with Nancy Hayes both of Dover
 Sept^r 30th Samuel Muir of Maryland with Sophia Dame of Rochester
 Oct^r 5th William Jenness 3^d with Hannah Seevy both of Rochester
 Nov^r 10th Jon^a Dame Roberts with Lydia Jones, both of Farmington
 Nov^r 16th Lemuel Durnell of Peacham (Vermont) with Patience Hanson of Rochester
 Nov^r 23^d John Meserve with Sally Hayes both of Milton
 Nov^r 27th Samson Babb of Barrington with Abigail Hammett of Rochester
 James Harford with Lucy D. Harford both of Milton
 Dec^r 18th Moses Hammett Jun^r with Rose Tebbetts both of Rochester
 Dec^r 25th Thomas Wentworth with Lydia Odiorne both of Rochester
 Jan^r 8th 1807 Henry Tebbets with Betsey Hoit both of Rochester
 Feb^r 5th John D. Iloit with Molly Tebbets, both of Rochester
 Feb^r 22^d Stephen Handerson, with Sarah Roberts both of Rochester.
 March 8th Ichabod Corson with Joanna Twombly both of Rochester
 April 2^d James Randall with Sarah Door both of Rochester.
 April 16th Benj. Berry Jun^r of Barrington with Sally Hayes of Farmington
 Charles Colbath with Charlotte Nutter both of Farmington
 May 10th Nath^l Ham Jun^r of Dover with Hannah Allen of Rochester
 May 21st Thomas Wentworth with Olive Wentworth both of Milton
 August 30th Ezekiel Wentworth with Rebecca Wentworth both of Somersworth
 Nov^r 26th John Murrey Jun^r with Abigail Furbur both of Farmington
 Eph^m Ham Jun^r with the widow Lydia Whitehouse both of Rochester
 Jan^r 7th 1808 Joseph Hayes Jun^r of Barrington with Lois Demerit of Farmington
 Feb^r 25th Stephen Wingate of Farmington with Susanna Calef of Rochester
 March 28th Ephaim Kimball with Rachel Akerman both of Farmington
 Simon Peavey with Mary Varney both of Rochester
 May 5th John Jenness Jun^r of Barrington with Sarah Robinson of Rochester
 June 12th John K. Walker of Farmington with Abra Nute of Milton
 June 30th Thomas Bryant with Sally Dame both of Rochester

Sept^r 4th John Ricker of Dover with Susanna Tebbets of Rochester Nich-
 olas Nute of Wolfboro' with Betsey Hayes of Rochester
 Sept^r 25th Thomas Davis Jun^r of Newfield with Anna Davis of Farmington
 Oct^r 20th Thomas Gage of Dover with Patty Horn of Somersworth
 Oct^r 24th Stephen Jackson with Betsey Knight both of Rochester
 Oct^r 25th Lieut Sam^l Jones of Berwick with Deborah Balch of Milton
 Nov^r 16th James Cook of Rochester with Mercy Wentworth of Milton
 Nov^r 17th Enoch York with Sally Hayes both of Middleton
 Nov^r 20th Joseph Richardson with Hannah Rogers both of Rochester
 Nov^r 30th Thomas Richardson with Nancy Odiorne both of Rochester
 Dec^r 4th Joseph Meder of Rochester with Betsey Leighton of Farmington.
 Jan^r 19th 1809 Thomas Roberts of Rochester with Mehetibel Jones of
 Farmington

Feb^r 16th Theodore Furbur with Abigail Walker both of Farmington
 Feb^r 27th Philip Hubbard of Shapleigh with Mary Harford of Rochester
 March 16th W^m Hayes of Farmington with Mary Swain of Barrington
 April 20th John Jennes with Abigail Page both of Rochester
 May 1st Benj. Page with the Widow Alice Joy both of Rochester
 June 23^d Eph^m Corliss Esq^r of Haverhill Massachusetts with the Widow Lucy
 How of Rochester, New Hampshire

July 2^d Joel Varney with Mehitabel Waldron both of Rochester
 July 27th Simon Gray of Barrington with Martha H. Page of Rochester
 August 7th Timothy Eastman with Comfort Whitehouse both of Rochester
 Sept^r 14th Dan^l Palmer with Abigail Ellis both of Milton
 Oct^r 5th Aaron Jenness Jun^r with Sarah Jenness both of Rochester
 Oct^r 12th Benj. Downing with Hannah Ricker both of Farmington
 Nov^r 16th Solomon Lord of Lebanon with Alice Trickey of Rochester
 Nov^r 23^d Samuel Hayes with Leah Horn both of Farmington
 Jonathan Ranlet with Polly Langley both of Farmington
 Dec^r 7th Henry Heard with Sally Richardson both of Rochester
 Dec^r 14th Joseph Jones Jun^r with Elisabeth Roberts both of Farmington
 Dec^r 24th Sam^l Twombly Jun^r with Sophia Fish, both of Milton
 Dec^r 28th Sam^l H. Sumner with Wealthy Tebbets both of Rochester
 Jan^r 11th 1810 Joseph Hanson, Jun^r with Lydia Haven both of Rochester
 Jan^r 15th Theodore Gilman of Wakefield with Mehitabel Richards of Roch-
 ester

Feb^r 8th John Henderson with Nancy Nutter both of Rochester
 Feb^r 18th Eben^r Garland of Bartlett with Lydia Hayes of Rochester
 March 11th Charles Ricker with Mary Lord, both of Milton
 March 29th John Odiorne with Lydia Wentworth both of Rochester
 April 8th John Smith of Milton with Hannah Perkins of Rochester
 April 15th Elijah H. Varney with Jane Heard both of Rochester
 May 14th Nicholas Ricker with Tryphena Burnham both of Farmington
 May 31st Jeremiah Nute of Milton with Martha Reynolds of Dover Win-
 throp Adams with Dolly Dame both of Rochester
 June 14th William Knight with Temperance Nutter both of Farmington
 Daniel Furbur of Wolfboro' with Sally Chesley of Farmington
 July 11th Richard Garland of Farmington with Mary Heard of Rochester
 Nov^r 4th Dudley Varney with Hannah Hussey both of Rochester
 Nov^r 18th John Nutter Jun^r with Sally Heard both of Rochester
 Nov^r 22^d Ezekiel Tebbets with Mary Tebbets both of Rochester
 Dec^r 2^d Ezekiel Hayes of Rochester with Hope Harford of Dover
 Dec^r 13th Charles Hoit with Nancy Garland both of Rochester
 Dec^r 27th Richard Davis with Mary Wingate both of Farmington
 Dec^r 30th Jacob Whitehouse with Prudence Smith both of Rochester
 1811 Jan^r 3^d Sam^l Foss 3^d of Barrington with Betsey Hayes of Farmington
 Jan^r 15th Nath^l Robertson of New Hampton with Lydia Plumer of Rochester

- Jan^r 31st Jacob Harford With Sarah Pearl both of Rochester
 Febr^r 21st Stephen Meservey with Susanna Henderson both of Rochester
 March 3^d Benj. Chesley Jun^r of Durham with Abigail Page of Rochester
 March 6th Eliphalet Willey of Brookfield with Sally Henderson of Rochester
 March 14th Paul Ricker of Somersworth with Elisabeth Hayes of Rochester
 Daniel Watson with Comfort Trickey both of Rochester
 April 7th David Hayes with Elisabeth Furbur both of Farmington Domin-
 icus Varney with Polly Jones both of Dover
 June 9th John Coleman of New Durham with Peggy Horne of Farmington
 June 13th James Hanson with Hannah Place both of Rochester
 June 20th Benj. Goodwin with Hannah Richardson both of Rochester
 August 18th Doctor Hiram Cannon to Mary Horn both of Rochester
 August 29th Miles Hayes with Betsey Swain Both of Barrington
 Sept^r 19th Jonathan Ham with Polly Witham both of Rochester
 Sept^r 26th James Wilson with Nancy Odiorne both of Rochester
 Oct^r 1st Daniel Horn with Mary Dearborn both of Wakefield
 Oct^r 13th Uriel Woodman with Hannah Watson both of Farmington
 Oct^r 14th Winthrop Colbath with Abigail Whiteham both of Farmington
 Nov^r 10th Daniel Hayes Jun^r with Betsey Ranlet both of Farmington
 Nov^r 25th Nathan Lord of Lebanon with Sarah Wingate of Rochester
 Dec^r 8th Jabez Dame Jun^r with Betsey Cushing, both of Rochester
 1812 Jan^r 5th Anthony Pickering with Mary D. Knowles, both of Rochester
 Febr^r 6th Hezekiah Clark of Barrington with Hannah Ham of Rochester
 Febr^r 11th Thomas Ricker with Lydia Thompson both of Farmington
 Febr^r 20th William Heard with Tamney Baker both of Rochester
 March 12th Jonathan Tebbets Jun^r with Phebe Place, both of Rochester
 March 16th George Brewster of Wolfborough with the Widow Betsey Rob-
 erts of Rochester
 March 19th Joshua Trickey with Sarah Chamberlain both of Rochester
 March 26th James Robinson of Rochester with Mary Babb of Barrington
 June 7th Samuel Emerson of Conway with Hannah Horn of Farmington
 June 21st Amos Burrows of Lebanon with Abigail Heard of Rochester Charles
 Rogers of Alton with Mary Heard of Rochester
 July 2^d Nath^l Runnels of New Durham with Nancy Folsom of Rochester
 July 16th John Brewster Jun^r with Elisabeth Dame both of Rochester
 August 27th Joseph Pearl of Farmington with Betsey Hayes of Milton
 Sept^r 27th Timothy Young of Dover with Sabina Corson of Rochester
 Nov^r 12th Daniel Canney of Farmington with Sarah Nelson of Portsmouth
 Nov^r 19th James Keay with Nancy Gates both of Somersworth
 Nov^r 22^d Norton Scates & Hannah Cook both of Rochester
 Dec^r 3^d Samuel Rand with Sarah Foss both of Rochester
 Jan^r 3^d 1813 Jonathan Pinkham with Alice Runnals both of New-Durham
 Febr^r 7th Jacob Carr with Rebecca Wallingford both of Milton
 Febr^r 19th Benj. Read with Widow Mercy Smith both of Farmington
 Febr^r 28th Hunkin Colbath with Polly Nutter both of Farmington
 March 18th Levi Hayes with Rhoda Varney both of Farmington
 March 21st Daniel Dame Jun^r With Relief Hodgdon both of Rochester
 April 8th Joseph Cross with Betsey Garland both of Rochester
 May 13th Isaac Bickford Jun^r with Polly Whitehouse both of Rochester Ivory
 Ham with Sally Pickering both of Rochester
 August 24th Benajah Ricker with Betsey Bickford both of Rochester
 Oct^r 27th William W. Odlin with the Widow Sarah Hanniford both of Roch-
 ester
 Nov^r 7th Joshua Downs of Berwick with Comfort Whitehouse of Somersworth
 Nov^r 11th Charles Dennet with Nabby Ham both of Rochester
 Nov^r 14th William Remick with Polly Heard both of Rochester
 Nov^r 21st Benj. Jewett of Durham with Susan Jameson of Rochester Joshua
 Pierce of Lebanon with Sally Ricker of Rochester

- Nov^r 25th Hopley Varney with Lydia Varney both of Milton
 Dec^r 23^d Thomas Young of Wakefield with Mary Nute of Milton
 Feb^r 22^d 1814 John Drew with Martha Wentworth both of Dover
 May 12th Thomas Ham Jun^r of Madbury with Betsey Coffin of Dover
 June 19th Maj^r Jon^a Copp of Wolfboro' with Mary Clark of Tuftonboro' John
 D Waldron with Elisabeth B Gray both of Barrington
 July 31st Francis Peabody with Abigail Raynal both of Rochester
 August 3^d Elihu. G. Norton with Elisabeth Leathers both of Portsmouth
 August 14th Simon Ross with Phebe Nutter both of Rochester
 August 21st Joseph Wilson of Sweden,* Massachusetts, with Lydia Clark of
 Rochester.
 Sept^r 12th Aaron Clark Jun^r of Barrington with Mercy Ham of Rochester
 Sept^r 15th Hiram Grant of Berwick with Mary Horn of Somersworth.
 Oct^r 11th Jonas C. March Esq^r with Lydia Wingate both of Rochester.
 Oct^r 18th Nath^l Green Pike with Betsey Wallingford both of Somersworth
 Oct^r 20th Jacob Ellis Jun^r with Polly Cook both of Rochester
 Oct^r 30th Elihu Hayes of Farmington with Martha Wentworth of Milton
 Nov^r 17th Aaron Hanson with Sarah Ricker both of Somersworth
 Dec^r 12th Thomas Hussey with Susan Hale both of Barrington Ezra Hayes
 with Rachel Corson both of Rochester
 Jan^r 12th 1815 Cap^t Ephraim Perkins with M^{rs} Kezia French both of Farm-
 ington
 Jan^r 26th John McDuffee 3^d with Sally Hayes both Rochester
 Feb^r 9th Trustram Heard Jun^r with Lydia Richardson both of Rochester
 Charles Smith with Nancy Richardson both of Rochester
 May 29th Jacob Nute of Milton with Hannah Young of Madbury
 June 8th Thomas McDuffee with Hannah Pierce both of Rochester
 June 25th Isaac Heard with Mary Hussey both of Rochester
 July 5th Jonathan Horne with Betsey Main both of Rochester
 July 20th Daniel R Carter of Dover with Aby Ricker of Somersworth
 August 31st John Roberts Jun^r with Lois Dame both of Rochester
 Sept^r 12th Oliver Brook of Portsmouth with Susan Horn of Dover
 Oct^r 2^d Jonathan H. Henderson with Abigail Nutter both of Rochester
 Nov^r 2^d Benj. Heard of Rochester with Sarah Varney of Lebanon
 Nov^r 12th Samuel Wallingford with Sally Worster both of Milton
 Nov^r 23^d Benjamin Babb-Lock of Barrington with Betsey Heard of Rochester
 Dec^r 7th John Foss of Milton with Lydia Wingate of Farmington
 Dec^r 28th James McDuffee Jun^r with Betsey Huntress both of Rochester
 Jan^r 15th 1816 James A. Corson with Rebecca Hayes both of Rochester
 Jan 25th Ephraim Garland of Lebanon with Patty Varney of Milton
 Feb^r 8th Edward Rollins Jun^r with Betsey Ricker both of Rochester
 Feb^r 22^d Enoch Burnham Jun^r with Mercy Hayes both of Farmington John
 Pendexter with Susan Davis both of Farmington
 March 13th Ezra Durgin of Durham with Temperance Nutter of Rochester
 March 21st Samuel Tuttle with Mary Waterhouse both of Barrington
 March 28th William Wentworth with Huldah Hussey both of Farmington
 May 29th Aaron Downs with Patty Nutter both of Milton
 June 3^d Simon Batchlder with Elizebeth B. Pease both of Barrington
 June 14th Samuel Pinkham with Lydia Raynell both of Rochester
 June 24th Artemas Rogers with Abigail Snell both of Dover Ezekiel Went-
 worth with Sally Waldron both of Dover
 July 1st Simon Otis of Rochester with Joanna Wallingford of Alton
 Sept^r 1st William Marden with Mary Fowler both of Barrington
 Sept^r 19th Ezekiel Nute with Dorcas Worster both of Milton
 Oct^r 17th John Kenney, of Lebanon with Mary Door of Milton Charles Cor-
 son of Lebanon with Elisabeth Roberts of Milton Isaac Twombly with Sarah
 Foye both of Barrington

* Doubtless, Maine.

- Nov^r 28th Jesse Bickford with Eunice Tucker both of Rochester
 1817 Feb^r 11th Richard S. Frothingham, of Portsmouth, with Eliza F. Pillsbury, of Farmington
 Feb^r 27th John Heard, Jun^r with Elisabeth Knowles both of Rochester
 March 4th John Lord with Susanna Palmer both of Milton
 March 13th Edmond Furbur with Deborah Walker both of Farmington
 March 20th John Hayes with Hannah D. Clark both of Barrington
 April 2^d Joshua Pray with Keziah Wentworth both of Milton
 April 20th Israel Hanson Jun^r of Dover with Eunice Twombly of Milton
 May 4th David Wingate Jun^r with Lucy Tebbets both of Rochester
 May 15th Samuel Roberts with Mary Hayes both of Rochester
 June 26th Samuel McDuffee with Huldah Tebbets both of Rochester
 August 17th Dan^l Carter of Boston, Massachusetts, with Betsey B. Blake of Rochester, New Hampshire.
 August 25th Benjamin Waterhouse of Barrington with Sarah Webster of Portsmouth.
 Sept^r 28th Israel Nute with Hannah Fish, both of Milton
 Oct^r 1st Robert Hussey with Hannah Roberts both of Somersworth
 Oct^r 11th Jacob Trickey with Polly Spencer both of Rochester
 Oct^r 26th Doct^r Hezekiah J. Crockett of Middleton with Abigail Main of Rochester
 Nov^r 27th William Allen of Rochester with Sarah Nute of Milton
 Dec^r 18th Ichabod Wentworth with Peace Varney both of Milton
 Dec^r 5th Ephraim Wentworth with Mary Walker both of Farmington
 Dec^r 25th Valentine Cook with Huldah Bickford both of Rochester
 Jan^r 7th 1818. Isaac Richards with Polly Richards both of Rochester
 Jan^r 28th Edward Leavit, resident at Tuftonborough with Abigail Peavey of Tuftonborough
 Feb^r 1st Tristram Hurd with Sarah Hurd both of Rochester
 March 11th John Peavey Jun^r with Mary Caverly both of Barrington
 March 18th Joseph Hussey with Mary Winkley both of Barrington
 March 29th Timothy Gowell with Sarah F. Haven both of Rochester
 Oct^r 29th Nath^l H. Hurd with Lydia Cross both of Rochester
 June 17th 1819 John Hayes of Rochester with Elisabeth Plumer of Farmington
 July 25th Nahum Corson with Betsey Twombly both of Rochester
 August 31st Richard McDuffee with the Widow Hannah Richardson both of Rochester
 Oct^r 8th Dan^l Cook with Jenny Place both of Rochester
 Oct^r 10th Dan^l Townson Jun^r of Saco with Harriet Shannon of Rochester
 Dec^r 3^d John Hurd of Tuftonborough with Susanna Heard of Rochester
 Dec^r 26th Isaiah Hodgdon of Wakefield with Susanna Knight of Rochester
 1820 Jan^r 23^d John B. Buzel with Susanna Odiorne both of Rochester
 Jan^r 27th Benj. Scates Jun^r with Lovey Lyman both of Milton
 Jan^r 30th Benj. Plumer with Sarah Roberts both of Rochester
 March 23^d Tho^s W. Tebbets with Meribah Harford both of Rochester
 April 23^d James Kent of Shapleigh With Jane Tanner of Rochester
 May 7th Jonathan H. Torr with Sally McDuffee 3^d both of Rochester
 July 13th John Chapman with Louisa Ann Barker both of Rochester
 July 23^d Dan^l Nute of Milton with Mary Main of Rochester
 Oct^r 22^d Ephraim Greward with Maria Corson both of Rochester
 Oct^r 26th Isaac Hoyt with Lydia Willand both of Rochester
 1821 March 22^d Jerry Tebbets with Mary Randal both of Rochester
 Sept^r 20th Ephraim Plumer with Sarah Downs both of Rochester
 Sept^r 23^d Dodavah Palmer of Newington with Nancy H. Hayes of Rochester
 Nov^r 8th Meshach Wingate with Mary Richardson both of Rochester
 Dec^r 16th Ira Tebbets with Sally Blake both of Rochester
 Feb^r 3^d 1822 Joseph Warren with Olive B. Heard both of Rochester

Feb^r 17th John Stanton of Brookfield with Anna Rollins of Rochester
 Feb^r 21st Seth McDuffee with Lucy J. Roberts both of Rochester
 March 24th William Nutter with Elisabeth Lock both of Farmington
 April 11th Michael Mahoney with Dolly Smith both of Rochester
 June 27th James Richardson with Peggy Downs both of Rochester
 Nov^r 28th Frederick Heard with Nancy Hayes both of Rochester
 Dec^r 19th Benj. Clark with Abigail Richardson both of Rochester
 1823 Jan^r 26th Joseph S Ellis with Mary Remick both of Rochester
 March 16th Benj. Jelerson with Lydia Heard both of Rochester
 June 1st Job N Tuttle of Providence R. I. with Ester Blake of This Town
 July 20th Solomon Adams of Middleton, Massachusetts with Ruth Haven of
 Rochester, New Hampshire
 [August 28th. Timothy Ricker with Dorothy Richardson by Mr Haven
 September 3d. Eleazer Ham of Rochester with Betsy Robinson of Barrington
 by T. C. Upham.] *
 Nov^r 20th Ephraim Corson of Lebanon with Mary Johnson of Rochester
 Nov^r 25th Josiah York Jun^r of Middleton with Sabra Hayes of Rochester
 Feb^r 3^d 1824 Timothy Brewster of Barrington with Hannah Stevens of Alton
 March 1st Daniel Rogers with Anna W Roberts both of Rochester
 May 13th Tho^s Randal with Lucinda Perkins both of Rochester

The lines in brackets are in Mr. Upham's hand.

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Hon. Isaac W. Hammond reports the following names credited to Rochester in Massachusetts records:—

COLONEL SCAMMON'S REGIMENT. CAPTAIN HUBBARD'S COMPANY.

JAMES WENTWORTH. Enlisted May 5, 1775. Discharged July 18, 1775.
 DODIFER GARLAND. Enlisted May 15, 1775.
 JONATHAN GARLAND. Enlisted May 15, 1775.

COL. PAUL D. SARGENT'S REGIMENT. CAPT. JOHN WILLEY'S COMPANY.
 ABNER COFFIN. October, 1775.

COL. JAMES FOYE'S REGIMENT. CAPT. W. H. BALLARD'S COMPANY.
 EBENEZER CORNELL. October 6, 1775.

The following sketch being received too late for Chapter XIV, is inserted here.

CHARLES GREEN WARREN.

BY CHARLES FRANK LIVINGSTON.

One afternoon in November, 1852, when I was foreman in the Manchester "American" office, then owned by Abbott, Jenks & Co., a small freckled-faced boy walked into the counting-room and said to Mr. Jenks that he had come from Rochester to take the place his sister had engaged for him to learn the printing business. Mr. Jenks put his hand on his head, and with one of the prettiest of his pretty smiles replied, "I am afraid that you are yet too small, my little man, to do much in a printing-office." That night when the "little man" went to his dreams, he had the satisfaction of knowing that he was big enough to have earned twenty-five cents at over-work as roller-boy the first evening. This incident illustrates the make-up of the subject of this sketch. When any work was in hand he could be relied on to help "pull through," whether it was for an hour or for all night. He had come to "learn," and invariably shared the early and late office hours of those days with his more experienced associates. By quickly mastering all office details he pushed rapidly to the front, making himself indispensable, and Mr. Jenks soon learned that in this case at least size was no test of capability. In less than three years, September 10, 1855, he became a partner in the business, Henry A. Gage retiring. Not long afterwards Mr. Jenks also retired, and the firm became Abbott & Warren. In the early part of 1857 the establishment was sold to Simeon D. Farnsworth.

Soon after retiring from the "American," Mr. Warren left Manchester for Sioux City, Iowa, then in its infancy. Its people, largely from New Hampshire, had offered a liberal bonus to whoever would start a newspaper there, and Mr. Warren went thither to secure it. He was joined at Dubuque by his former partner, General Abbott, and with several others journeyed in the month of April across the State of Iowa in a "farmers' wagon" which had been driven from Indiana by one Phil. Clark, an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln in his early life. This

trip occupied ten days, and Mr. Warren found himself too late to secure the prize he had traveled so far to obtain. A printer from the office of the Cincinnati "Gazette" had preceded him by several weeks, and was nearly ready to add to journalism the "Sioux City Eagle." After getting the business well started, he arranged with Mr. Warren to run the establishment a few weeks, that he might return and settle up his affairs in Cincinnati. The paper prospered so well in his hands that the owner prolonged his absence till the spring of 1858. Upon his return, Mr. Warren's friends proposed to buy the "Eagle" establishment and make him a present of it. But the owner refused to sell, and Mr. Warren returned to Manchester.

Not long after, he received a flattering letter from the mayor of Sioux City proposing that if he would join a party about to establish the town of Yankton in Dakota, and start a paper there, they would bear all expenses, and closing with the urgent words, "Come! Come! Come!" But the boy (for he was yet a minor) had already fully satisfied his ambition in the direction of pioneer life, and declined the offer.

In October, 1858, he went to Andover, Mass., where for nearly eight years he was connected with the widely-known Andover house, one of the oldest book-printing establishments in the country. For six years he managed the printing department and edited the "Andover Advertiser." His health failing, in the spring of 1866 he removed to Burlington, Iowa. The climate proving salutary, he entered upon mercantile life in company with Parsons and Berry, wholesale dealers in stoves and tinners' stock. Coming East twice a year to purchase goods he became favorably known among tin-plate importers, and in 1873 was induced to become the agent of Richards & Co. of Boston, and represented them in the larger western cities for several years.

Among the tin-plate importers and metal dealers of the country only two command the highest rating on the agency books:—Phelps, Dodge & Co. of New York, the largest house in the world in this line of trade, and Fuller, Dana & Fitz of Boston. After declining an unsolicited offer from the former, on account of the field of labor contemplated, Mr. Warren accepted a position with the latter house August, 1876, and continues to represent them in the West, with headquarters at Chicago. In 1882 he

visited Europe in the interest of his house, and again in 1885. He commands the largest business ever done in the West by a Boston metal house. Like many other sons of Rochester, in various fields of labor, he is doing credit to himself and his native town.

Charles Green Warren is the son of Joseph and Olive Bickford (Hurd) Warren of Rochester, where he was born September 24, 1837. June 11, 1860, he married Harriet Elizabeth, daughter of Francis and Eliza Marden of Manchester. Their children are Charles Lincoln, Harriet Alice, Abbie Gertrude, and Clara Clarinda.



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